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An often-used (and sarcastic) definition of an expert is "someone who lives more than 100 miles away."

Recently, the Manchester School Board rejected its three finalists to replace Dr. Tom Brennan as Superintendent of Manchester's 16,000-student school district. This, in my view, was a wise decision, as all three candidates were from out of state.

It's easy to fall into the trap of thinking that expertise is rare and must come from some other place, not here in our own backyard. While this may sometimes be true, in Manchester's case, I would argue that there is more expertise on what schools, including Manchester schools, will be in the near future here in New Hampshire than in probably any other state in America. Why would I make that claim? Because we, New Hampshire, in essence, invented what the future of education will be while most other states are still operating in a 20th-century mindset.

For our pioneering work in competency-based learning, New Hampshire won the 2012 State Innovation Award from the Education Commission of the States. In fact, the 2011 winner used the basic New Hampshire model to win the award. So, for two years in a row, the highest award in education innovation in the country was awarded to the model that NH created. While there are other states that are jumping on the competency-based bandwagon (i.e. Iowa, Maine, Wisconsin), the majority of the states are still operating in the old time-based (180-day, seat time) system. Frankly, so are most New Hampshire schools, including Manchester.

So, why would I suggest looking for a leader from New Hampshire? Because virtually every school district in our state is moving in the competency direction, including Manchester. While a number of districts are considerably farther down the competency road than Manchester is, no one is all the way there. That said, there are some districts in NH that are doing some amazing things in a competency direction and, as a result, there is expertise in some of those districts that can help advance Queen City schools.

Every district is going to move toward more competency. If Manchester's school committee is looking for the skills to move Manchester in a 21st-century direction, I would look for leaders who already have such experience. In New Hampshire, we have a number of these leaders.

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NEWS & NOTES

United in grief

As law enforcement tried to piece together the how and why of Monday's bombings at the Boston Marathon finish line, some of the 375-plus runners from New Hampshire are talking about what it was like to be there.

Brian Atherton, a Derry native and brother of Hippo managing editor Meghan Siegler, had just crossed the finish line and worked his way through the finishers' area when the first explosion occurred. He was about 100 yards away.

"At first, nobody did anything," Atherton said. "I think they were confused at what it might have been. So there was about a minute of not much abnormal and then a minute later, people started to run."

He said he thought there was a bomb in a building and was afraid a building would fall down. Atherton coaches a girls lacrosse team at Simmons College and said some of his players were situated near the finish line to cheer him on. When the explosions occurred, his players were his first concern. Fortunately, he said, they were on the opposite side of the course and none of them were hurt. Speaking a day after the race, Atherton hadn't wrapped his head around the tragic events.

"It's hard to figure out how this could happen and who would want to do this," Atherton said.

Gov. Maggie Hassan said New Hampshire law enforcement officials and emergency responders were in touch with regional and national counterparts, and were ready to help in whatever way they could. In a show of support, Runner's Alley urged runners in New Hampshire to wear a race shirt of their choosing this past Tuesday, April 16.

For those looking to give blood, most Red Cross offices accept walk-in blood donors. The Manchester American Red Cross office, 425 Reservoir Ave., is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, and from 6:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 19. Call 800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment. Visit redcrossblood.org to find offices.

Medicaid commission

Bringing together members of the public with broad experience in health care, Gov. Maggie Hassan recently issued an executive order creating a commission on Medicaid care management. The plan is for the commission to review and advise on the implementation of an efficient, fair and high-quality managed care system, according to Hassan's office. While Hassan supports Medicaid expansion, she also said she recognizes concerns and challenges surrounding implementation.

"Members of the commission will leverage their significant experience to review implementation and provide insight to ensure we are protecting both patients and health care providers," Hassan said.

The Medicaid care management program, as enacted in 2011, is intended to improve the value, quality and efficiency of services provided through Medicaid, stimulate innovation and generate savings for the state. The program is set to be implemented in three phases through contracts between the Department of Health and Human Services and Managed Care Organizations responsible for providing health care services to members enrolled in the New Hampshire Medicaid Program. The commission chair will call its first meeting within 30 days.



Dimond Hill Farm in Concord added 24 acres of farmland thanks to the Five Rivers Conservation Trust. Courtesy photo.

Dimond Hill expands

Dimond Hill Farm in Concord grew by 24 acres of farmland this month when the City of Concord sold the land to Equity Trust for $41,000. The Five Rivers Conservation Trust raised funding for the purchase. Equity Trust is the non-profit that owns the land and buildings at Dimond Hill Farm, and leases them to Jane Presby, the current farm operator. Equity Trust's mission is to preserve the affordability of farms for farmers. When Presby retires someday, Equity Trust will help a new farmer take over Dimond Hill Farm, and the 24 acres of additional farmland will make the farm more attractive and viable, according to the Five Rivers Trust. The 24 acres are protected by a Five Rivers Conservation Easement. These fields abut the farm and are part of scenic open land running along Route 9, separating Concord and Hopkinton. Much of the land is prime agricultural soils and is particularly suited to growing the corn for which Dimond Hill is famous.

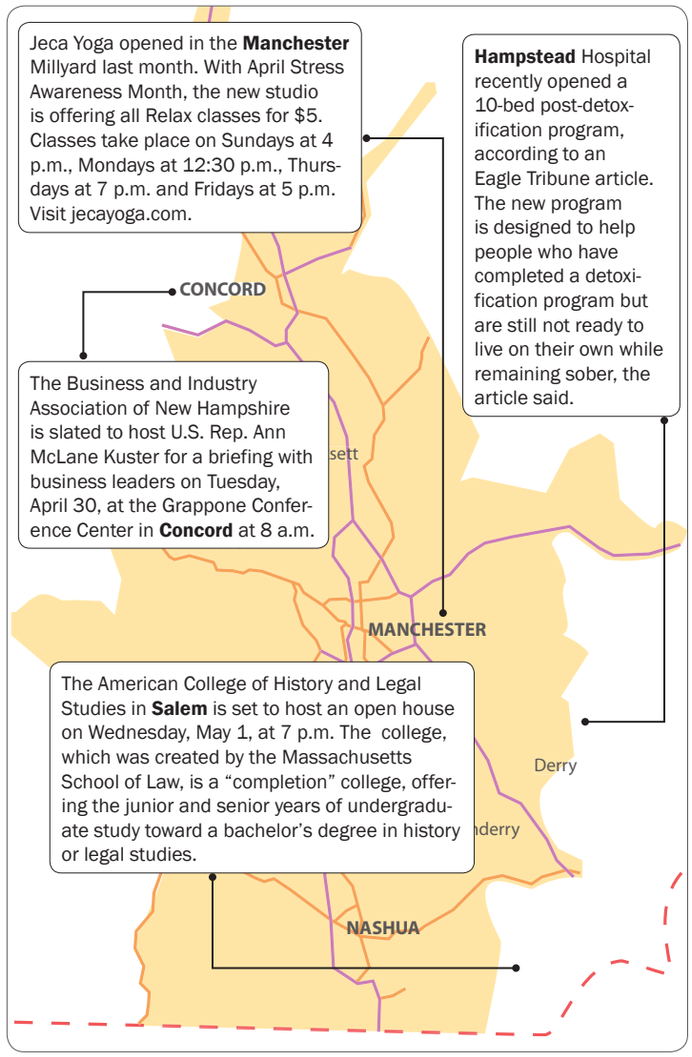
Gambling review

House Speaker Terie Norelli, D-Portsmouth, appointed a joint House committee of the Finance and Ways & Means committees to study and scrutinize Senate Bill 152, which would expand gambling in New Hampshire. Finance Committee Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner will serve as chairwoman and Ways & Means Chairwoman Susan Almy will serve as Vice Chairwoman. Reps. Neal Kurk and Norman Major will serve as co-ranking members.

"I am confident that by assembling the expertise and wisdom of these two committees we will ensure the proposed bill will be given the level of scrutiny needed for an undertaking of this magnitude," Norelli said. "The people of New Hampshire deserve that level of consideration for a decision that could impact our state for decades to come."

Don't fish with lead

The Loon Preservation Committee and the New Hampshire Lakes Association are pushing for support of Senate Bill 89, which would prohibit fishermen from using lead sinkers and jigs. The bill, which unanimously passed the Senate, is set to be considered by the House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee. Between 1989 and 2011, at least 124 adult New Hampshire loons died from lead poisoning after ingesting lead fishing sinkers and jigs. After a record number died in 2010 (11) after ingesting lead tackle, officials began a study of loon mortality. The study revealed lead fishing sinkers and jigs caused nearly half of the adult loon deaths between 1989 and 2011. The study also showed the majority of lead-related deaths are caused by currently legal lead jigs. Senate Bill 89 would close the gap in the current ban on lead sinkers and jigs by expanding it to include sizes up to 1 ounce. Jigs in this size range have caused more than half of New Hampshire adult loon deaths from ingestion of lead tackle.



BEST WEEK

JEANNE SHAHEEN

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen is stocking up for her 2014 re-election fight. According to reports, Shaheen raised $1.23 million in the quarter that ended March 31. That doesn't include money raised following the news last week that former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown wouldn't rule out running against Shaheen in 2014. Party officials have indicated fundraising bumped up considerably following an appearance by Brown last week in Nashua.

WORST WEEK

JENNIFER HORN

GOP Chairwoman Jennifer Horn and GOP Treasurer Robert Scott saw their email flare-up go public last week, with conservative blog Granite Grok publishing the exchange. The exchange centered on Scott's refusal to grant Horn the authority to sign party checks. Scott cited Horn's tax history as a liability for the party. WMUR Political Scoop's James Pindell wrote that either Horn or Scott may have to resign over the controversy. The Coos County Republican Committee took a vote of no confidence in Horn, although reports indicated the action may not have been official.

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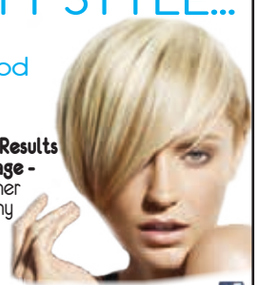
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NEWS & NOTES

Keeping kids safe

State agencies talk about child abuse prevention efforts

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Child abuse is never a pleasant discussion, says Maggie Bishop, director of the state Division of Children, Youth and Families, but the consensus seems to be that while challenges and obstacles remain, progress is being made and perceptions are changing.

There is a longstanding view that DCYF is the agency that takes kids away from parents, she said, but that is the absolute last resort. Six or seven years ago, Bishop said there were probably 1,400 children in out-of-home placements because of abuse and neglect. Today, there are less than 700. That's because officials have beefed up efforts to keep kids safe in the home.

"I would love the day, and I think we're closer than ever before, when DCYF is part of the community, that it's not the community and DCYF," Bishop said. "... We're not the agency that just scoops in and takes people's kids. We're the agency that wants to help you keep your kids safe."

Even in cases where DCYF does remove a child from a home, the goal is to get that child back into the home as soon as possible.

"If a child can go home, it should happen as quickly as possible," Bishop said. "The practice has shifted to make sure we focus on reunification first. The faster it can happen, the better."

That's evident in how much time children spend in out-of-home placements, which today is between one and two years, compared to years ago, when it was much longer. Years ago, it was more likely the child would remain in placement through childhood, Bishop said.

"It's almost nonexistent for that to happen now," said Jack Lightfoot, a former advocacy director for Child and Family Services, an independent, nonprofit agency working to advance children's well-being, including child abuse prevention, treatment and intervention services.

"Children should be raised by their parents and their family, not the state," Bishop said.

She said research has shown outcomes for kids who grow up in the system are not as good.

Perceptions regarding DCYF may be changing, but dealing with child abuse isn't getting any easier. Officials have seen abuse cases become more complex. Families struggling with child abuse and neglect, typically are also dealing with other issues, such as substance abuse, domestic violence or mental health issues. That's the reality in New Hampshire and nationally, Bishop said.

Even without other factors, abuse is never simplistic. Abuse takes many forms. Physical abuse, which can result in bruising and broken bones, is likely the easiest kind of abuse to identify. Sexual abuse can be more difficult for agencies to deal with, because for DCYF to get involved, officials must show that parents were neglectful of the child, said Linda Nagle, a trauma specialist and program director with Child and Family Services. Emotional abuse is probably the most difficult to deal with, since it doesn't result in any type of physical injury, Nagle said.

"Sticks and stones will break your bones but words will never hurt you, but we know that's not true," Nagle said. "Certainly, they have long lasting effects on children."

Neglect can take a variety of forms. Perhaps children are left in a home that is in deplorable conditions, which creates a high risk situation for kids. It could be educational neglect, if parents don't make any effort to get kids to school. It could be a lack of supervision, Nagle said.

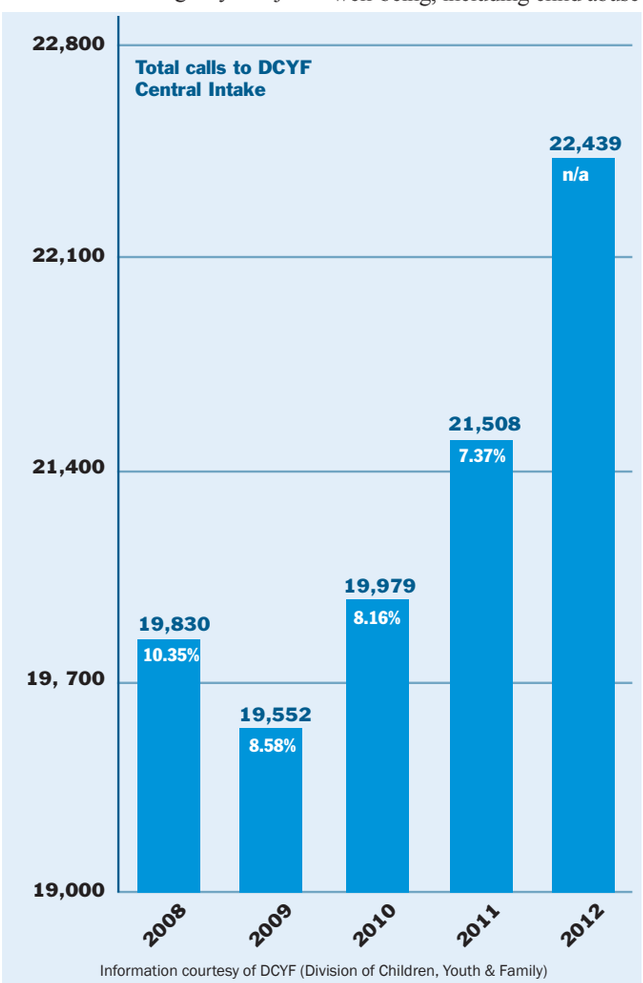
Nagle said it is more difficult to substantiate cases. It always was difficult. For example, sometimes when kids disclose things, they recant later or perhaps they won't talk at all.

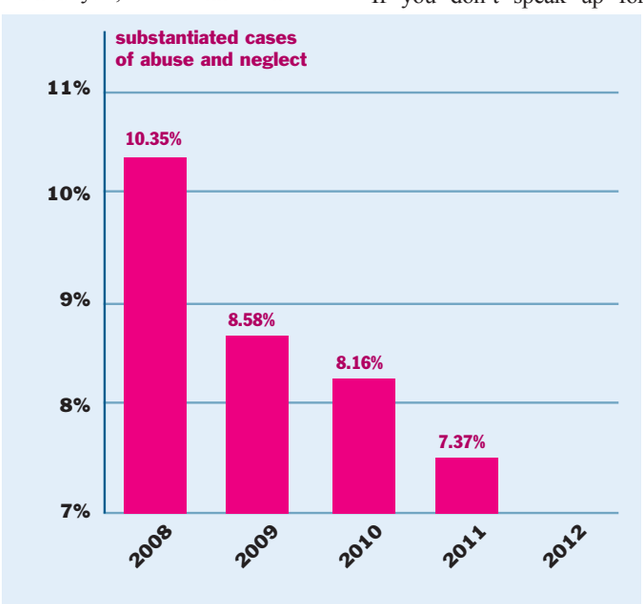
Make the call

Anyone who witnesses child abuse or who suspects child abuse is legally required to report it. As such, the Division gets calls from all over the state. Those calls are the only way DCYF gets involved, Bishop said. Once a call comes in to DCYF central intake, staff members screen calls to determine urgency and to determine whether or not staff should respond.

People are more educated about child abuse issues today and thus are more likely to pick up the phone to report something they find suspicious. Even if the report doesn't ultimately warrant an investigation, that doesn't mean the person shouldn't have called.

"If you don't speak up for





Information courtesy of DCYF (Division of Children, Youth & Family)

the child, then who will? Because the child doesn't have a voice," Nagle said.

That's how families fly under the radar. In the most extreme abuse cases that receive media attention, Lightfoot said it's typical state officials knew nothing about the situation in advance.

"It takes a village," Bishop said. "Your concerns could result in an investigation or maybe it's not abuse and neglect. That's OK. You called and checked. We'd rather screen your call out rather than have you not call and then find out a child got hurt."

There can be a gray area for people.

"There's situations where somebody sees something is happening but maybe they don't think it's bad enough or they don't know what to do," Lightfoot said.

Other times, people don't report abuse due to fear of retaliation from the perpetrator.

Calls to central intake have increased gradually through the years. The percentage of calls that are substantiated as abuse or neglect has remained fairly steady at about 8 percent. In 2008, central intake received 19,830 calls and substantiated 10.3 percent of calls. In 2011, the state received 20,508 calls and substantiated 7.3 percent of calls. The number of open placements has decreased as well.

Making a difference

Once DCYF gets access to parents and the home, the Division has 60 days to work with the family to determine whether abuse or neglect is happening. Typically, caseworkers know much sooner than that. Workers perform an initial safety assessment. If the situation isn't safe for the child, workers will try to figure out a short-term solution. For example, if one parent is a problem, perhaps the parent can leave, while the child stays with the other parent, Bishop said.

In many cases, children aren't yet being abused or neglected, but there are risk factors. In those cases, DCYF works with families to get on the right track to make sure abuse and neglect doesn't start.

"Maybe it's a single mom struggling to get childcare," Bishop said. "So we help get the child into childcare and then the issue is resolved."

In many of those instances, the issues are resolved without having to open a case. The only problem is that sometimes it appears the Division has low substantiation rates. But Bishop said in the vast majority of reports, something is going on.

"Our assessment allows us to mitigate the risk and then it never becomes abuse and neglect," Bishop said.

Child and Family Services works with 50 to 100 families each year. Any family that Child and Family Services works with is also working with DCYF, Lightfoot said.

"These families are struggling in some way," Lightfoot said. "Parents want to do the right thing but they don't know how. We can help them do it."

Lightfoot said he's seen improvement in how officials investigate abuse and neglect, as well as how officials carry out treatment plans for children and families. Federal law requires agencies to make a decision on what the long-term solution will be within 12 months of a case opening.

"So you can't just come into foster care and decide, 'OK, let's think about it," Lightfoot said. "Ultimately, within a year, you need to know what you're going to do with the child."

Getting access to families

It's no easier today for DCYF caseworkers to talk to parents and to get inside their homes to assess the situation. A law passed several years ago requires staff members to immediately inform parents that they do not have to talk to them. Then, parents must sign a form indicating they know they don't have to talk to DCYF staff.

"The law has a lot of supporters, that you can't just come into somebody's home because somebody has a concern about what you're doing," Bishop said. "Has it left some children at risk? Absolutely."

Parents have never had to let DCYF staff into their homes or talk to them, but previously, caseworkers didn't need to disclose that right away, Bishop said.

"They used to be able to engage in a problem solving approach … rather than setting if off as an adversarial relationship," Lightfoot said.

Whether a parent lets caseworkers in or not, the Division still has the responsibility to respond. That can be challenging. Bishop said her workers have found creative ways to work around parents, such as calling schools or pediatricians to assess the situation. If parents refuse to let DCYF in, caseworkers would need to get a court order to get inside. To obtain a court order, the workers would need sufficient evidence.

Child Abuse Red Flags

According to Child and Family Services of New Hampshire.

- Physical signs such as broken bones, bruises on the arms, chest, or face and bruises that are unexplained or suspicious
- Changes in personal appearance, such as poor hygiene
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NEWS & NOTES Q&A

New face to DRED

Rose heads Resources and Economic Development dept.

After spending the past nine years with BAE Systems in Nashua, and several years prior to that in the public sector, Jeffrey Rose says he's ready to take over the state Department of Resources and Economic Development, which oversees the divisions of Travel and Tourism Development, Forests and Lands, Parks and Recreation and Economic Development. The Executive Council recently unanimously confirmed Rose as the new DRED commissioner. Prior to working at BAE Systems, Rose worked for a number of Republican politicians in New Hampshire, including former congressman John Sununu.

Q: So what drew you to this position?

It is a really unique blend. To have an agency that has the responsibility over economic development but also the precious natural resources in the state in terms of state parks and forests, as well as travel and tourism, it's the idea of having all these things together and the importance they … bring to the state. It's a unique and special place. ... It makes it an exciting and attractive opportunity to serve the state in this capacity.

Do you expect it to be challenging to balance the four divisions?

I don't think it's a challenge. It's more of an opportunity based on the fact that each one of them is so interconnected. It's not by accident that they're placed together. There's no state that's more dependent on business revenue for its general fun, so precious is the nature of the economy. ... I think our quality of life is largely based on the key components we're trying to promote. ... I don't think they're competing. I think they're mutually aligned to ensure the quality of life we enjoy here.

What are your goals and priorities?

I think my goals are to make sure we are leveraging the wonderful opportunities and successes that we have in New Hampshire, by continuing to promote economic development, but at the same time preserving and promoting our natural resources. I believe we're well positioned to do that under Gov. Hassan's leadership and her plan for an innovative economy, through the commitment she's making in her budget.

Your work at BAE Systems, what are you taking from that experience that will help you here?

I thoroughly enjoyed my nine years working there. It's an absolutely wonderful company. It's not just the amazing men and women who work there but the mission of the company and the importance of the work they perform. ... I enjoyed every moment that I was at BAE Systems, but I cannot think of another opportunity that I would have been more excited about than this particular opportunity.

You've worked for a number of Republican leaders. Did it give you pause when a Democratic governor called to ask you to take over the post?



Jeffrey Rose.

Not at all. I took a lot of pride in working in the public sector and in trying to make government work as well as it could for constituents. But this is a fantastic opportunity to help in public service, to help a state I believe in and that I'm committed to. It's not a political position at all. It's an opportunity to leverage my experiences I had both in the private sector and the public sector to do good things on behalf of the state. I'm so appreciative of Gov. Hassan having the confidence in me to bring my name forward.

What's kept you in New Hampshire?

I love the state. I've lived the majority of my life here. I grew up in Merrimack. I currently live in Goffstown. I can't think of a better place to live and raise a family. The diversity in the landscape, the wonderful people, and I think the unique form of government brings about the very best. ... I couldn't be happier to call the 603 my home.

What are you looking forward to doing the most?

One of the things I'm most excited about is the diversity and the opportunity that the job presents. There's no place in the state that you don't have the opportunity to hopefully make a positive contribution.

What was the nomination process like?

It was a very thorough process, by which I mean the Executive Council did their due diligence in fully vetting the nomination. I believe it's important to make sure if you have somebody in this type of role supporting the state that they can stand on their own two feet and be able to show their mettle and be poised and positioned to be an effective advocate. It's an honor to have the opportunity to go through the process.

— Jeff Mucciarone



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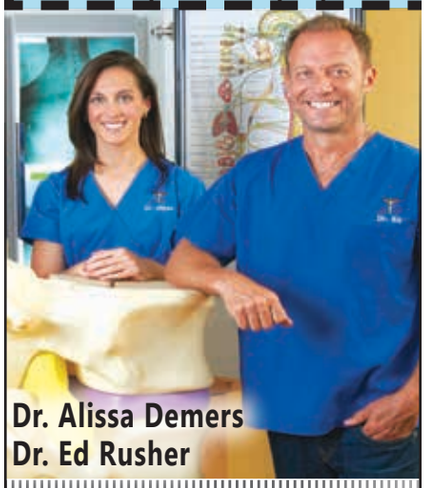
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QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

Isn't New Hampshire beautiful in the spring?

Just when we thought the worst was over, that after a couple of 65-degree April spring days we would no longer have to worry about lousy road conditions on our morning commute to work, several spin-outs were reported last Friday morning on New Hampshire roads. The reason? Snow, sleet and a "wintry" mix, according to WMUR.

QOL Score: -1

Comment: *Is it over yet?*

USS Manchester

The United States Navy will name a new combat ship after the city of Manchester, according to nhpr.org. The Navy names the Littoral Combat Ship, or LCS, after cities of regional importance. The 400-foot vessel is designed to defend coastal areas from mines, diesel submarines and high-speed surface craft.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *The USS Manchester is expected to be completed by August 2016.*

Endowment for health hands out $1.2 million

The Endowment for Health, which is New Hampshire's largest health foundation, recently announced it had released 39 grants totaling $1.2 million to support a variety of health-related projects. Recipients included Bridges out of Poverty, Summit on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, Alliance of Healthy Community Coalitions Summit. Grants were also targeted to promote health equity, with $17,000 directed to building community-based leadership with immigrants and refugees in New Hampshire, and nearly $14,000 directed to supporting and empowering Bhutanese women. Visit endowmentforhealth.org.

QOL Score: +2

Comment: *"Many of the Endowment's recent grants are aimed at convening leaders to raise awareness of the social determinants of health that affect low-income and other vulnerable populations," said Endowment for Health President Steve Rowe.*

NH Lottery breaks sales record

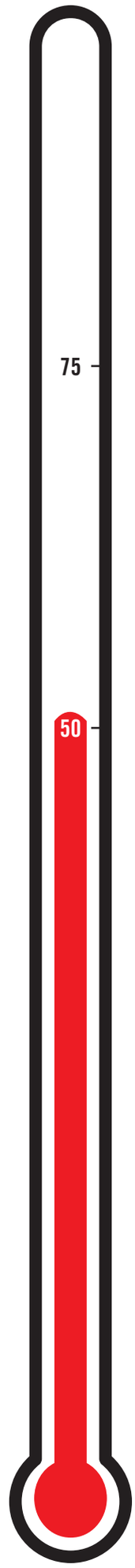
The New Hampshire Lottery sold more than $16.9 million in instant ticket sales last month — the greatest non-holiday month in the lottery's 50-year history. The lottery is currently on pace for a record year, according to a press release. According to lottery sales reports, for Fiscal Year 2013, instant ticket sales have increased more than 11 percent during the last year. During calendar year 2012, New Hampshire ranked 15th of 43 state lotteries in per capita sales. In per capita instant ticket sales New Hampshire was ranked ninth. New Hampshire ranked third in per capita sales in New England, behind Massachusetts and Connecticut.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *"Ultimately it's the school children of New Hampshire that benefit the most, as the lottery has contributed more than $1.5 billion toward education since it began," said Charlie McIntyre, lottery executive director.*

QOL score: 48
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QOL this week: 51

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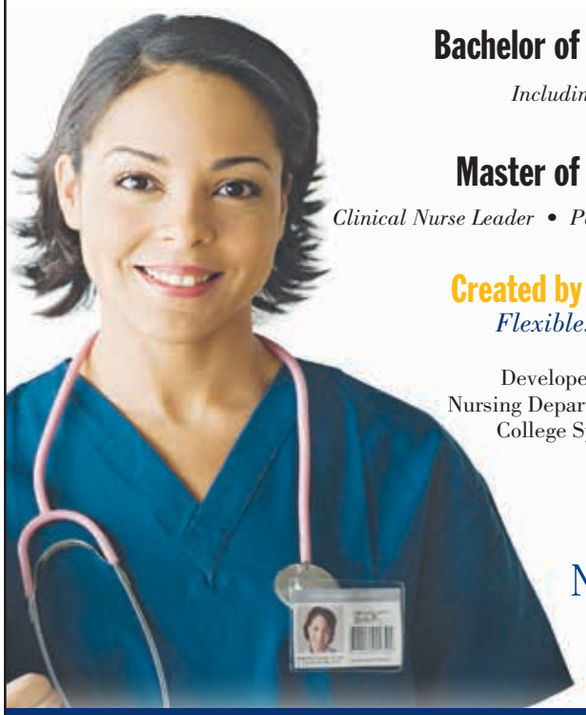
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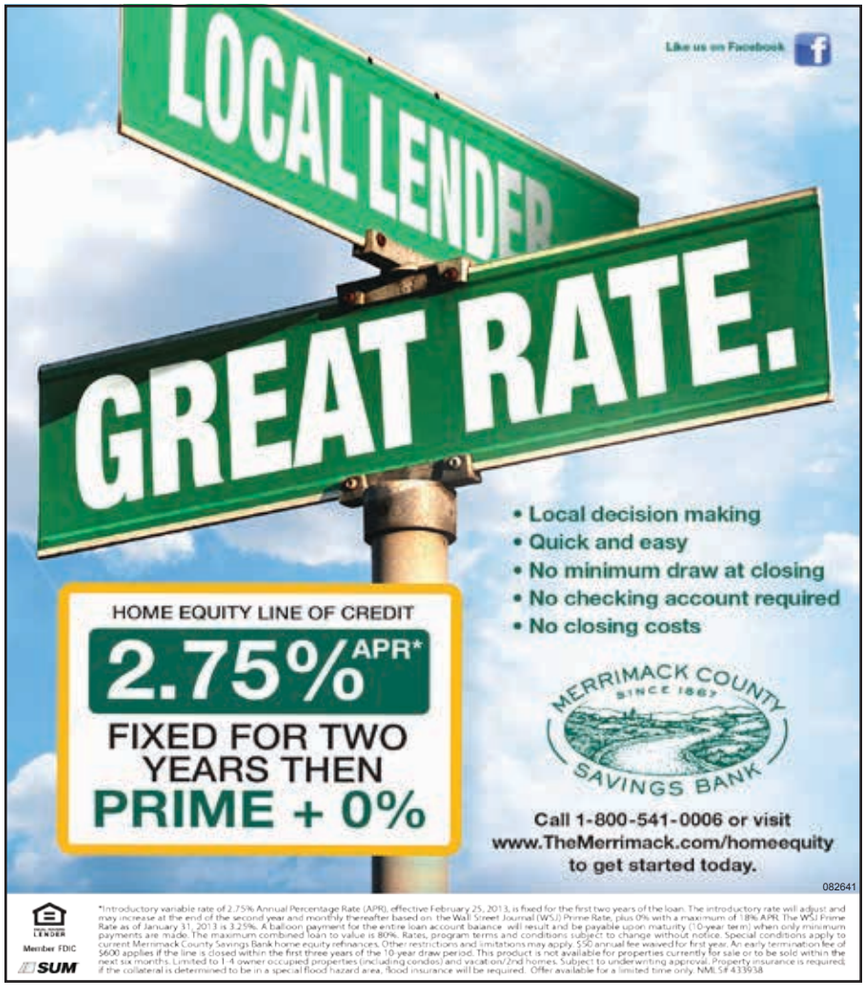
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This and that from a cluttered sports mind



Time for a little spring cleaning to clear out the dust that's been gathering upstairs all winter.

Looks like it's time for my co-collaborator and producer on my radio show **Sean Sendall** and about 99 percent of the Boston media to say **Danny Ainge** and I were right and they were wrong about **Jeff Green**. Though I'll admit I didn't see a 43-point night coming.

So the big off-season question for the C's is how are they going to get the big they need to form the trio necessary to build around for the future with **Rajon Rondo** (if he stays) and Green?

Nice week for **Rick Pitino**, who won his second national title, was voted into the Hall of Fame and won $2+ million in bonus money from Louisville and whose son Richard was named head coach at Minnesota. But here's the question: Is he EVER gonna stop using the "not getting **Tim Duncan**" excuse for why he flunked out so badly in Boston? He did it again at a Final Four press conference last week. In a similar position, **Danny Ainge** didn't get **Kevin Durant** and still won a title. Philly, Dallas and New Jersey were in the lottery that year, didn't get Duncan and still made it to the finals not too long after that. The reason he didn't do it here is simple. He was impatient, mismanaged the salary cap, wasn't smarter than everyone like he thought he was and did a terrible job. No other reason.

Speaking of Durant: I'm pulling for **Greg Oden** in the latest comeback. It's probably not gonna work, but I hope it does.

But there's something about **Bryce Harper** that gets under my skin, though I'm not quite sure what it is.

Am I the only one who thinks **Joel Hanrahan** looks like **Bobby Jenks**? Or that **Andrew Bailey** will be the closer by July 4 at the latest?

I don't know about anyone else old enough to remember him, but for his swing and the way the ball jumps off the bat, **Will Middlebrooks** reminds me of **Tony Conigliaro**. Though I doubt we're going to see him come walking through that door with a Nehru jacket like Tony C did back in the mod days of the mid-1960s.

After the way **Aqib Talib, Kyle Arrington, Sebastian Vollmer** and **Julian Edelman** fell back to them in free agency and seeing **Alfonzo Dennard** get just 30 days in the slammer in a sentence that starts after NEXT season, is it me, or do things seem to be falling the Patriots' way?

The treatment of **Wes Welker** aside, they've done a great job in free agency holding on to the players they needed to, replaced those they lost, filled in with depth in other areas of what already is a pretty deep and young team. They still need a good situational pass rusher and a speed receiver. But with the gains they've made in the secondary, and expected improvement from young'ns **Chandler Jones** and **Dont'a Hightower,** they could have their best defense since 2004.

While there are a number of good ones, here's my top nominee for the all-name team at next week's NFL draft: **Barkevious Mingo** out of LSU — who a lot of mock drafts have going to the Jets.

If the New York Times allegations are true that **A-Rod** tried to pay off a worker to destroy records that he got thousands of dollars in PEDs from a Miami clinic, I nominate him as the biggest sports turd ever. And when someone moves past **Jose Canseco** and **Barry Bonds** on my low-rent weasel Sports Hate Meter, that's something.

You maybe recall he looked into the camera on *60 Minutes* and told **Katie Couric**, "I did not have sex with that woman" — whoops, that's what he probably told his wife after the Toronto hotel incident caught on camera by the tabloids. He told Katie, "I did not take steroids" — a story he stood by until the press conference when he said he did it only for three years. Will anyone believe anything he says on the Times story? And what do you want to bet he did it for a lot longer than three years? And the Yankees only owe him another $125 million. If I were them, I'd sue for fraud.

When someone purposely instigates an incident, be it stick-swinging in a hockey or a fight in baseball like **Carlos Quentin** going after **(down goes) Zach Grenke** last week, they should have to sit out as long as the player who got hurt. And the suspension should start only after the guy can play.

This line from **Dan Shaughnessy** in a Boston Globe column last week about how Red Sox fans always come back epitomizes his glass-is-half-empty way of writing: "…You can treat people as if they are imbeciles and win 69 games. You can produce the worst season in a generation. You can offend the sensibilities of smart people. It doesn't matter…." It's true last year was horrible, but if you widen the lens to take in the big picture, you see it's the only really horrible season in FORTY-SEVEN years, which is a record no other city in America can match. Seems to me that's something to appreciate, not whine about.

By the way, if you're inclined to trade Rondo, how about sending him to Sacramento, where the Kings send their talented walking headache (demented) **DeMarcus Cousins** to Minnesota and **Kevin Love** comes here along with **Jimmer Fredette** (and **Travis Outlaw** from Sacramento to balance the salary cup), where **Jamal Crawford** would go the Kings for the same reason. There may have to be some picks going to the T-Wolves as well.

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Monarchs Finally Break Through in 2007 AHL Playoffs

George Bush was in the White House, the 111th edition of the Boston Marathon had just been run and after getting the curse off their back 3 years earlier the Red Sox were on their way to a World Series title for a second time in 4 years. At the same time the Manchester Monarchs were seeking to end their own playoff curse after failing to win a playoffs series in their first 5 seasons. But optimism was high around the Verizon Wireless Arena as the M's had won 51 games and lost just 21 as they easily won the Atlantic Division behind first year coach Mark Morris and all-world goalie Jason LaBarbera. And they got off well in a 5-2 win over the Worcester Sharks in Game 1 at the V when Oleg Tverdovsky had a goal and 2 assists. Game 2 was a barnburner that went into the wee hours before John Zeiler lit the lamp to end it 48 seconds into the second overtime for a 4-3 win. They won again the next night to go up 3-0. But when the Sharks came back to win the next two the jitters from the ghosts of playoffs past returned. And the double-OT drama of Game 6 didn't help. But they hung in until the 9:37 mark of the second over-time when just out of BC rookie Brian Boyle scored to exercise the demons with a 3-2 win and their historic first playoffs series win. They knocked off Providence next in Round II, before falling to eventual AHL champs Hershey in the conference finals. All of which were a series of great events for Manchester.

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Down to the wire

Sports Glossary

NFL Draft All-Name Team Nominees: (Field Marshall) Bjoern Werner, FSU; Barkevious Mingo, LSU; (last) Chance Warmack, Alabama; Cordarrelle Patterson, Tennessee; Damontre (have a little) Moore, Texas A&M; Ezekiel Ansah, BYU; (who shot the) Sharrif Floyd, Florida; Star Lotulelei, Utah.

Mod Days of the Mid-1960s: Swinging time when the U.S. shucked off its boring, clean-cut 1950s veneer to enter the psychedelic, hip, what-was-I-thinking years that followed the arrival of The Beatles and the rest of the British Revolution in 1964. It lead to the ghastly sight of grown 40-something and older men trying to be "mod" by wearing bell-bottom trousers, Nehru jackets, white patent leather shoes, mustaches, hair going over the ears and chains around their necks.

The 47 Red Sox Seasons: In 1965 they were 72-90 and 2012 they were 69-93. They were under .500 just four times in between: in 1984 under Ralph Houk ('78-'94) in the transition from Yaz – Fred Lynn to the Clemens, Boggs, Greenwell crew that won the AL East 3 times in 5 years, and three straight years under Butch Hobson. Beyond that they've been in the thick of it for all but a few years between 1967 and 2011. The Yanks in the meantime had five losing seasons, two last-place finishes and lost more than 90 three times. Plus they're still stuck with A-Fraud and **John Sterling**.

John Sterling: Obnoxious *The Yankees Win!* New York radio homer, regularly savaged by New York Post sports media critic Phil Mushnick for getting it wrong more often than Dick Cheney.

60 Minutes: Still-good-after-all-these-years TV magazine, but lacks the bite of the days when Mike Wallace would ambush bad guys in the parking lot with camera in tow, or ask guys with the ability to makes folks disappear like Moammar Gaddafi (duck) or Ayatollah Khomeini the tough question on their home turf.

The Big Story: When you are clinging to faint playoffs and you roll off three straight wins in three nights, that's what you call taking care of business. And that's what the Monarchs did with wins over Connecticut (3-1), Hershey (4-3) and Worcester (3-0) over the weekend at the world-famous Verizon Wireless Arena. It left just two points out of the final two spots for the playoffs at 77 on the season. Unfortunately that was the last regular-season game at the V as they close the year this weekend with three on the road at Binghamton, Wilkes Barre/Scranton and Hershey — who also is at 77 points. Stay tuned.

Sports 101: Seven players with ties to the Celtics have at least 10,000 career rebounds. Who are they?

The Babe Ruth Award: To Trinity hurler/slugger **Katie Pelton**, who led the way for Trinity in a 12-2 rout of Oyster by throwing a two-hit shutout, while getting four hits and knocking in three runs. **Michelle Taylor** and **Allie Bowe** also played a big role in the Pioneers' 14-hit attack. Taylor had three hits and three RBIs and Bowe chipped in with a pair of hits and scored three times.

Nolan Ryan Award: You get this when you strike out 11 and pitch a no-hitter, which is what **Connor Sahlin** did in just five innings in Campbell's 11-0 mercy-rule shortened win over Raymond. That he also had two hits and knocked in three runs makes him a Babe Ruth Award nominee as well.

Honors: Manchester Monarchs right winger **Tyler Toffoli** was named AHL Rookie of the Year and to its All-Rookie Team after a vote by AHL coaches, players and media. He earned by scoring 48 points on 28 goals and 20 assists in 55 games with a plus/minus rating of +20.

Sports 101 Answer: The seven guys with 10,000 rebounds who once played for the Celtics are **Bill Russell**, **Artis Gilmore**, **Robert Parish**, **KG**, **Shaq**, **Paul Silas** and **Dave Cowens**.

On This Date – April 18: **1950 Sam Jethroe** is Boston's first black player with the Braves. **1950** Yankees beat the Red sox 15-10 after trailing 9-0 in the sixth. **1951 Mickey Mantle** goes 1-for-4 in his first major-league game. **1963** The Toronto Maple Leafs wins their last Stanley Cup by beating Detroit 4 games to 1. **1966 Bill Russell** becomes first black coach in NBA history. **1987 Mike Schmidt** hits 500th home run. **1995 Joe Montana** retires from football.

The Numbers

4 – goals and assists for **Sir Arthur Krogman** and **Jimmy O'Brien** respectively when Derryfield squashed Trinity 19-4 in NHIAA lacrosse action on Tuesday.

7 – combined hits for **Sarah Lavallee** (4) and **Kim Leiter** (3) in leading Central to an 11-0 season-opening win over Alvirne. Lavallee picked up the win with a 7-hit, 10-strikeout complete game.

8 – strikeouts for **Tyler Brown** when he 2-hit Central in Alvirne's 11-0 win over the Green at the start of the week.

11 – runs for Goffstown when they thumped next door neighbor West 11-1 as the Blue Knights were no-hit over five innings by **Chris Hood** and **Alex Baines.**

19 – goals scored by the Bishop Guertin girls in a season-opening lacrosse battle with Bow when **Caley Pruniер** and **Nicole Pettiglio** led the way for the Cardinals in the 19-9 win.

20 – hits for Bedford in an 8-7 slugfest win over Bishop Guertin when **Kelsey Murphy** had 4 hits to lead the way while **Alex Haskell** had 3 more and knocked in a pair of runs. On the other side, BG's **Stacie Cornell** and **Katie Haghdan** each were 3-4 and drove in a pair of runs.

27 –members of the UNH football program, including two-time All-American **Matt Evans** and Central alum **Seamus O'Neill** of the Manchester O'Neill's, earning academic honors from the CAA conference in 2012-2013 for having at least a 3.20 grade point average.

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50 Favorite Restaurants

Dining recommendations from Hippo readers

What are you in the mood for?

Italian? Bistro dining? White tablecloths? Grilled pizza?

Whatever you might want for dinner tonight or brunch on Sunday or lunch next week, Hippo readers have a suggestion for you. In February, as part of our Best of 2013 Hippo readers' poll, we asked readers to name the "Best Restaurant Overall." What follows is a list of the top 50 vote-getters in that category. (Information in the descriptions is from the restaurants' websites or Facebook pages; call ahead to confirm hours or menu items.)

Here's what's cool about this list:

- It's totally based on reader picks.
- It's diverse. You'll find fine dining, family dining, barbecue, Italian, Mexican, seafood and more.
- It has new stuff — High Street Farm House in Goffstown, Villaggio in Manchester and Napa East in Nashua, to name three.
- It has old favorites.
- It can help you answer the "what should we do for dinner?" question for pretty much a whole year (50 picks, 52 weeks — go to your favorite two spots twice).

There's nothing better than a recommendation from a friend, and this compilation is, at its heart, a recommendation from the thousands of friends who are your fellow Hippo readers.

So, where do you want to eat tonight?

1. Republic, 1069 Elm St. in Manchester, 666-3723, republiccafe.com. Hours: The kitchen is open Sunday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Cocktails are available Sunday through Thursday until 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m.

Republic is all about local — the ingredients the restaurant uses and where they're from are important here. You'll find a list of farms whose produce ends up on Republic's menu at the restaurant and online, complete with names of farmers and their phone numbers. A video on the restaurant's website even offers a look at the farms that produce the vegetables, pork, dairy and beef that end up on the plate (and explains its status as a NH Farm to Restaurant Certified Local eatery). The result is menu items like Kefta (with lamb from Kelly Corner Farm of Chichester and a yogurt dill sauce), a Spanish Ham flat bread (with Great Hill Blue — a blue cheese made in Massachusetts — and black mission figs) and Steak Frites (with grass-fed marinated flank steak from Little Brook Farm in southern New Hampshire and hand-cut fries).

Republic's menu is built to fit whatever your appetite is — a selection of hot and cold small plates are perfect for sharing and for being that "little something" you want when you don't think you're hungry enough for a big meal (try the arancini, falafel or hand-cut frites, which are studded with fried capers). The menu also includes panini, flatbreads and salads as well as larger entrees, nearly half of which are vegetarian. For breakfast, find an onion tarte (with Heartsong chevre), a breakfast panini (made with farm eggs, ham from Kellie Brook Farm in Greenland, Boggy Meadow cheddar and potatoes) and an omelet with homefries, made with local meats and cheeses. For dessert, a variety of cakes and pie are joined by loukoumades, Greek-style fried dough tossed in honey and topped with hazelnuts.

In addition to being voted Best of the Best in the Best Restaurant Overall category, Republic won "Best of the Best" in the categories Best Cup of Coffee, Best Espresso Drinks and Best Vegetarian Menu. Edward Aloise (who co-owns the restaurant with his wife Claudia Rippee) was voted Best of the Best in the Best Chef category. Republic also won Best of Manchester in the categories Best Cocktail (for the Moroccan Old-Fashioned), Best Desserts, Best French Fries, Best Menu Item (for the Moroccan Red Lentil Stew) and Best Salads. Republic also won Best of the Best for Best Art in a Public Place; the restaurant has a variety of pieces on its walls, including a graffiti series by Rippee.

2. The Puritan Backroom, 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com. Hours: Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to midnight; takeout opens at 8 a.m.

The Puritan meets a variety of dining needs. Want to pick up some of those famous chicken tenders with sweet duck sauce to take home for dinner? Head to the takeout counter for those crowd-pleasers and more on the side of the building facing Hooksett Road. Or walk up to the window at the side of the takeout counter on a hot day and enjoy a big scoop of Baklava, Coffee Oreo, Peppermint Stick, Raspberry Fudge Truffle or Ginger ice cream. Head to the bar at the Backroom (the door literally on the other side of the building from the takeout counter) to enjoy a mudslide (or one of its variations, like a Milky Wayslide, Almond Joyslide or Snicker Slide) and an appetizer of Beer-Battered Cheddar Sticks or Loukaniko. In the dining room, the restaurant's large menu offers something for everyone — this is the sure bet for feeding picky eaters, foodies, vegetarians and meat-and-potato-types at the same meal. The menu includes barbecued lamb, Greek macaroni & cheese, chicken cordon bleu, lobster pie, baked stuffed haddock, Black Angus filet mignon, Guinness steak tips and a selection of pizzas. Still hungry? Try one of their sundaes with their in-house-made ice cream.

In addition to winning Best of Manchester for Best Restaurant Overall, the Puritan was voted Best of the Best for Best Chicken Tenders, Best Cocktail (for the Mudslide), Best Ice Cream, Best Menu Item (for those famous chicken tenders) and Best Salads.

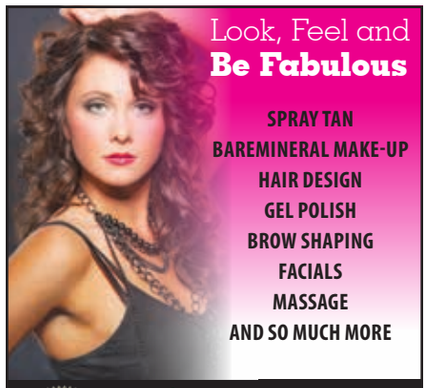
3. Cotton, 75 Arms St. in Manchester, 622-5488, cottonfood.com. Hours: Lunch is Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Dinner is Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 5 to 10 p.m. "Casual upscale" is how Cotton describes its atmosphere, and that description is a good way to describe its food as well — high quality without fussiness. Also a Certified Local restaurant, Cotton's menu features a wide selection of starters such as Sweet and Spicy Popcorn Shrimp (served in a movie theater-style popcorn box), Asian pot stickers ("pan-seared pork and leek dumplings with sake soy splash") and Tuna Tataki (sesame crusted rare tuna with wasabi aioli). The entree menu features Retro Meatloaf with "all you can eat mashed potatoes," Almond-Crusted Turkey Schnitzel, Buttermilk Herb Fried Chicken, a jambalaya, Grilled Lamb Steak as well as seafood dishes and several steak dishes. Cotton is also known for its cocktails — try a martini sampler (which features mini versions of the Raspberry Cosmo, Orange Crush and Lemon Drop) or a full-sized drink like the espresso martini, the blueberry basil mojito or the Maker's Peach Marg. And don't forget lunch: Cotton's lunch menu includes Fish & Chips, a selection of burgers (beef, veggie and turkey, as well as a crab cake burger), a warm pastrami sandwich and the Pretty Good Chicken Salad Sandwich (with a changing blend of flavors and ingredients).

4. Mint Bistro, 1105 Elm St. in Manchester, 625-6468, mintbistronh.com. Hours (according to Mint's Facebook page): Monday through Thursday, 4 to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. to midnight; Sunday, 4 to 10 p.m.

Come for the sushi, stay for the Braised Kalbi Style Beef Short Ribs or the tapas menu's Mini Fish Tacos. Mint, which describes itself as offering a contemporary fusion menu, offers a large selection of sushi; their Signature Rolls include Elm Street Maki (a tempura fried roll featuring spicy crab, cream cheese, scallion, wakame, wasabi, tobiko with ponzu), Green Dragon (eel and cucumber, topped with Avocado and eel sauce) and Monarchs Maki (sweet egg, avocado, cilantro, salmon and chili sauce wrapped in a soybean paper and topped with black tobiko and sweet mango). The menu also includes a large selection of Nigiri Sushi, Sashimi and Maki. Under Tapas, selections include Asian Short Rib "Nachos" (on crispy wontons), Hazelnut Goat Cheese Fritters and Eggplant Involtinis (thinly sliced eggplant, ricotta four-cheese blend, sundried tomatoes, basil, pomodoro and grana padana). Under salads, find Poached Pear (with field greens, candied walnuts, shaved red onion, sundried cranberries, hazelnut encrusted goat cheese fritter and wild berry vinaigrette), Spice Roasted Seared Tuna Salad (with sliced Fuji apple, carrots, cilantro, avocado, candied lime, shaved coconut and curry emulsion) and Warm Portobello Carpaccio. For main dishes, selections include Citrus & Mustard Glazed Faroe Island Salmon, Maple Glazed Sea Scallops, Herb Baked Haddock Filet and Mint Boullibase, as well as other steak and seafood options.

5. Hanover Street Chophouse, 149 Hanover St. in Manchester, 644-2467, hanoverstreetchophouse.com. Hours: Lunch is Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; dinner is Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m.;

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bar hours are Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday through Saturday 4:30 to 10:30 p.m. The Chophouse is known for cooking perfectly prepared steaks. (You want that sweet spot between medium and medium well? They can hit it.) The dinner menu features several different cuts of steak as well as lamb and veal chops, lobster and fish. And the menu of appetizers includes oysters on the half shell, tuna tartare and Kobe beef carpaccio (which is a perfect beginning to a celebration of well-prepared beef). Round out those meals with sides such as Truffled "Tater Tots," Lobster Mac & Cheese and Sweet Potato Parmesan Fries. But don't let these stars of the Chophouse menu completely eclipse some of the restaurant's other offerings. The lunch menu includes top-notch burgers, smaller portions of steak and truly exceptional sandwiches (currently, the sandwich is a Reuben featuring locally produced Swiss cheese and root vegetable chips. The bar menu (served nightly) includes Candied Bacon, Avocado Fries and Crisp Onion Strings. Save room for dessert: the menu includes a carrot cake served with rum raisin ice cream, English Bonaffee Pie (bananas, dulce de leche and chantilly cream in a sugar cookie crust) and "The Howie" (a nine-layer chocolate cake with caramel ice cream and caramel sauce). The Chophouse was voted Best of the Best for Best Fine Dining Restaurant and Best Steakhouse and Best of Manchester for Best Mac & Cheese and Best Bathroom.

6. Firefly American Bistro & Bar, 22 Concord St. in Manchester, 935-9740, fireflynh.com. Hours: The bar and lounge is open until midnight. Food service: Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday, brunch is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner begins at 3 p.m. "Classic American fare" is how Firefly describes its menu, which includes favorites such as fish and chips (with beer-battered haddock) and Poor Man's Pie (a shepherd's pie-style dish made with tender steak tips). But you can also find dishes with an inventive twist, such as the popular "Go-Go" Bread (warm garlic bread with a gorgonzola fondue on the starters menu), a Bourbon Street Fettuccine (with blackened shrimp, crawfish, andouille sausage in a spicy Cajun cream sauce) and bacon-wrapped bistro steak. The menu also features vegetarian option such as Pad Thai, Eggplant Napoleon and a black bean burger. Firefly was voted Best of the Best for Best Date Place.

7. Copper Door, 15 Leavy Drive in Bedford, 488-2677, copperdoorrestaurant.com. Hours: Open Sunday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. The bar is open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. "Not too fancy, not too casual, juuust right," is how Cooper Door describes itself. The dinner menu includes Lemon Thyme Brick Chicken, Poblano and Chipotle Shrimp Pizza, Caul Fat Wrapped Meatloaf, Pepper-Dusted Ahi Tuna and a variety of butcher cuts. Looking for something smaller? The Bar Bites menu includes Chicken Rangoon, Shrimp Scampi Crostini, Sirloin Spring Rolls and Tenderloin Beef Sliders.

8. The Barley House, 132 N. Main St. in Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com. Hours: open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. The burgers at the Barley House get much well-deserved praise (check out the Dublin Burger with its blue cheese and whiskey gravy, the BBQ bacon bison, the California Turkey Burger Melt and the America's Burger with two beef patties and cheese, to name a few). In fact the Barley House even ran a Burger Madness bracket competition earlier this month (Korean BBQ burger won). But don't miss other menu items, such as the Lobster BLT, the Smithwick's Curry Fish & Chips, the Crispy Brick-Pressed Maple Chicken and the small plates such as the Guinness Brats and Fried Brussel Sprouts. The Barley House was voted Best of Concord for Best Restaurant Overall, Best Pub, Best Bartender (for Corey Garland), Best Beer Selection, Best French Fries and Best Menu Item (for the Dublin Burger) and Best of the Best for Best Burger and Best Waiter/Waitress (for Mechelle Zydenbos).

9. MT's Local Kitchen & Wine Bar, 212 Main St. in Nashua, 595-9334, mtslocal.com. Hours: Lunch is served Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; dinner is served Sunday through Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m. (pizzas available until 9:30 p.m.) and Friday and Saturday from 4 to 10 p.m. (pizzas available until 10:30 p.m.). Quality food in a casual atmosphere is how MT's Local's website describes this restaurant, which features a menu of sandwiches, salads, wood-grilled pizzas and entrees like Amish Kitchen Cassoulet and General Tso's Shrimp. Starters include Sweet and Salty Wings and Smoked Maine Salmon; "Sweet Endings" include a Cannoli Cake, Hazelnut Mochaccino Cheesecake and Bananas Foster. The wine tasting menu offers two-ounce pours and a wine flight offers small pours of three wines. MT's Local won Best of Nashua for Best Restaurant Overall and owner Michael Buckley won Best of Nashua for Best Chef. (Buckley also owns Buckley's Great Steaks and Surf.)

10. O Steaks and Seafood, 11 S. Main St. in Concord, 856-7925, magicfoodsrestaurantgroup.com/osteaks. Hours: Lunch is served Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Tap Room opens daily at 2:30 p.m. Dinner is served nightly after 5 p.m. O Steaks describes itself as redefining the classic steakhouse with fresh ingredients and inventive seafood dishes — as evidenced in appetizers such as the O Pops (Kobe beef with blue cheese and bacon bits), Cashew Chicken Lettuce Wraps and Fried Oysters Rockafeller. In addition to its offerings of "steaks, racks, chops & fowl," O's menu includes specialties such as slow-braised short ribs and Kobe & Shiitake Mushroom Meatloaf, and seafood dishes such as Citrus & Soy Glazed Salmon and Parmesan Encrusted Tilapia. Don't forget the lunch menu, which includes dishes such as Teriyaki Chicken Skewers, the Wow, That's Good burger (smoked blue cheese, tomato and 12-year balsamic), the Ultimate Fried Egg Sandwich and an Oyster Po Boy.

O Steaks and Seafood was voted Best of Concord for Best Fine Dining Restaurant, Best Wine Bar, Best Mac & Cheese and Best Steakhouse.

11. T-Bones Great American Eatery, 25 S. River Road in Bedford, 641-6100, t-bones.com. Hours: Open Sunday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Full menu is served in the bar until 12:30 a.m. The Bedford location shares a menu with the four other T-Bones (all in New Hampshire); in the steaks section find Lemon-Parmesan Steak Tips and Slow Roasted All Day Prime Rib (available in three sizes) as well as other cuts. T-Bones Bedford was named Best of the Best for Best Restaurant for kids and Best of Manchester for Best Sandwich (for the C.B.C.), and Chef Nicole Barreira was named Best of Manchester for Best Chef.

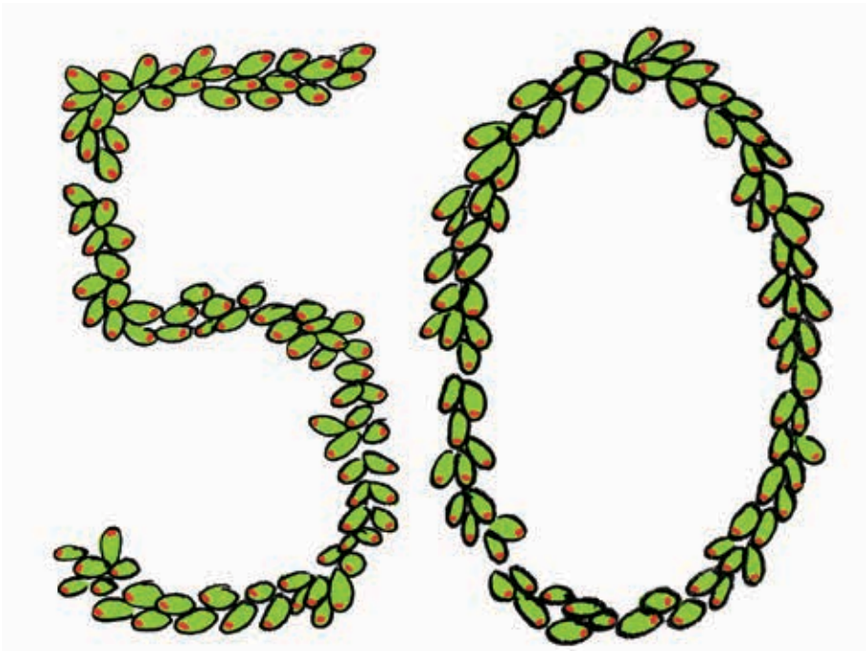
12. Cactus Jack's, 782 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 627-8600, www.go2cjs.com. Hours: Open Sunday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Full menu is served at the bar until 12:30 a.m. Offering a mix of Southwestern, barbecue, burgers, steaks and seafood, Cactus Jack's house specialties include empanadas served with an avocado ranch dip and a Classic Jambalaya Pilaf. Cactus Jack's was voted Best of Manchester in the Best Ribs category. The C.B.C. was picked as Best of Manchester in the Best Sandwich category, and Chef Nicole Barreira (chef of T-Bones and Cactus Jack's) was voted Best of Manchester in the Best Chef category.

13. Buckley's Great Steaks, 438 DW Highway in Merrimack, 424-0995, buckleysgreatsteaks.com. Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 5 to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 5 to 10 p.m.; the Tavern is open Tuesday through Friday from 4 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 4 to 10 p.m. Find steaks, prime rib and specialties like Sugar & Spice Cured Pork Chops and a filet mignon and lobster Surf & Turf on the main menu; in the Tavern, you can find lighter fare as well as burgers (such as the Bacon & Egg Burger and The Bleu Buffalo) as well as fresh lobster roll and a Prime Rib Sandwich. Buckley's was voted Best of Nashua for Best Fine Dining Restaurant, Best Burger and Best Steakhouse. Michael Buckley (owner of Buckley's Great Steaks as well as MT's Local Kitchen and Surf) won Best of Nashua for Best Chef.

14. Ignite Bar & Grille, 100 Hanover St. in Manchester, 644-0064, ignitebng.com. Hours: Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; full menu available until 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Offering salads, sandwiches and burgers, Ignites' entrees menu includes Raspberry Pecan Chicken, Pan Seared Chile Lime Tilapia, Caribbean Grilled New York Strip Steak and Asian BBQ Steak Tips.

15. Fratello's Italian Grille, 155 Dow St. in Manchester, 624-2022, fratellos.com. Hours: Lunch is served daily from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; dinner starts at 4 p.m. The menu includes Italian restaurant classics in the steak, seafood, chicken and pasta sections as well as brick oven pizzas (such as white pizza, fra diavolo and barbecue chicken) and sandwiches (such as Italian Sausage Sub, Bacon Cheddar Ranch Chicken and Chicken Caesar Wrap). Fratello's was voted Best of Manchester for Best Italian Restaurant.

16. Surf, 207 Main St. in Nashua, 595-9293, surfseafood.com. Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 4:30 to 10 p.m. Seafood



is king at this restaurant, which features a raw bar, Surf-style sandwiches and tacos, and entrees such as Portuguese Seafood Stew, Bamboo Steamed Shrimp and Moroccan Spiced Scallops as well as variations on more traditional New England seafood dishes. Surf was voted Best of the Best for Best Seafood Restaurant. Michael Buckley (owner of Surf as well as MT's Local Kitchen and Buckley's Great Steaks) won Best of Nashua for Best Chef.

17. Common Man, 25 Water St. in Concord, 228-3463, thecman.com. Hours: Lunch is Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; brunch buffet is Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; dinner is served Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday from 4 to 9 p.m. Bar'n Grill is open daily from 3 to 11 p.m. The Concord Common Man offers specialties such as Uncommon Steak Oscar, Pork Schnitzel and Vegetable Wellington as well as (along with Merrimack and Windham Common Man restaurants) gluten-free lunch and dinner menus. Concord's Common Man was voted Best of Concord for Best Restaurant Wine List. Common Man founder Alex Ray was voted runner-up for Best Local Philanthropist.

18. Hermanos Cocina Mexicana, 11 Hills Ave. in Concord, 224-5669, hermanosmexican.com. Restaurant hours: Sunday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Lounge hours: Sunday through Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 4 to 10 p.m. Takeout hours: Sunday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. Hermanos offers Mexican restaurant classics such as enchiladas, burritos, tacos, tostados, chimichangas and quesadillas as well as house specialties such as a black bean pizza, a Portabella Quesadilla and a Salad Burrito. Hermanos was named Best of Concord for Best Mexican/Latin American Restaurant, Best Burrito and Best Cocktail (for its house margarita).

19. KC's Rib Shack, 837 Second St. in Manchester, 627-RIBS, ribshack.net. Open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Get ready to do some serious eating at this home of slow-cooked barbecue, where you can find NC Pulled Pork, Texas Brisket, ribs, smoked sausage and many combinations of the previous as well as burgers and a variety of chicken, pork and beef sandwiches. KC's was voted Best of the Best for Best Ribs, Best Sandwich (for the Cardiac Sam) and Best Barbecue and Best of Manchester for Best Wings.

20. Tek-Nique, 170 Route 101 in Bedford, 488-5629, restaurantteknique.com. Open Tuesdays through Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sunday for brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and then from 4 p.m. to close. Billed as "casual fine dining," Tek-Nique's entree menu includes Pecan Crusted Boneless Short Ribs, House Cured Duck 2 Ways and Salmon with Lobster Succotash and, on the appetizer menu, Tuna Two Ways and Bone Marrow Risotto.

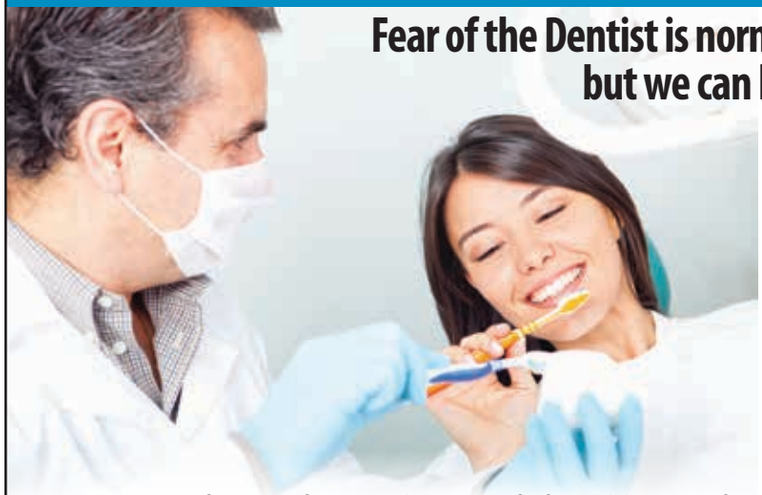
21. Angelina's Ristorante Italiano, 11 Depot St. in Concord, 228-3313, angelinasrestaurant.com. Hours: Lunch is served Monday through Friday, 11:30

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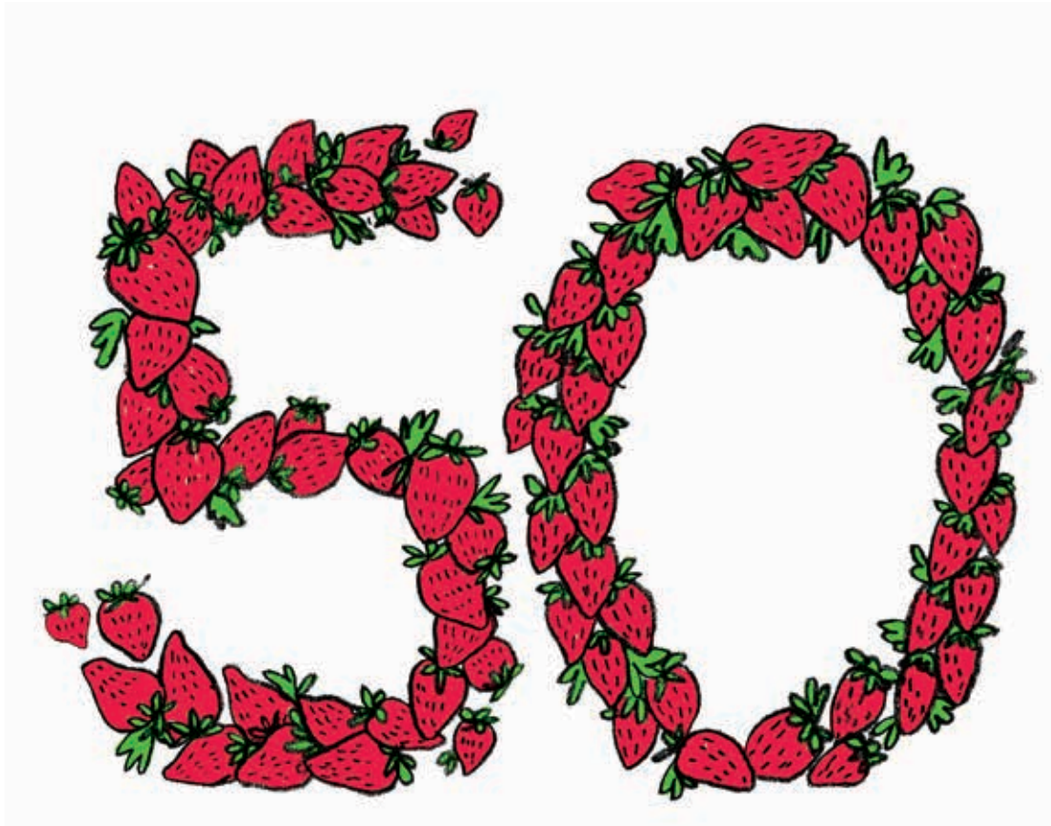
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a.m. to 2 p.m.; dinner is served Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. Angelina's menu of Italian restaurant classics includes grill dishes such as fish of the day and grilled chicken Parmesan, and pasta dishes such as ravioli of the day, Gulf Shrimp Diavolo and a meat lasagna. Angelina's was voted Best of Concord for Best Italian Restaurants.

22. Purple Finch Cafe, 124 S. River Road in Bedford, 232-1953, purplefinchcafe.com. Hours: Open daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Serving breakfast and lunch, Purple Finch features a selection of omelets, Benedicts, classic breakfast dishes and sweeter items (such as Apple Pie French Toast, Cinnamon Roll Supreme and a Waffle Sampler) on its breakfast menu and for lunch flatbread pizzas, burgers, salads (including Wedge Salad Sliders) and sandwiches such as the Sweet Caroline (barbecue pulled pork topped with coleslaw and tempura-battered banana peppers on a grilled ciabatta).

23. T-Bones Great American Eatery, 77 Lowell Road in Hudson, 882-6677; www.t-bones.com. Hours: Sunday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Full menu available in bar until 12:30 a.m. T-Bones restaurants offer "In the Pink" items (which are 650 calories or less, 10 grams of fat or less, or 10 grams of net carbs or less) including a grilled Chicken Greek Salad, Low Fat Fiesta Shrimp Pasta and Lemon Dill Salmon. The C.B.C. was picked as Best of Manchester in the Best Sandwich category and Chef Nicole Barreira (chef of T-Bones and Cactus Jack's) was voted Best of Manchester in the Best Chef category.

24. XO on Elm Street, 827 Elm St. in Manchester, 560-7998, xoonelm.com. Hours: Lunch is Monday through Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; dinner is served Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 4:30 to 11 p.m.



A sizable menu of tapas and appetizer plates means that you could make a meal out of dishes such as Smoked Salmon Chips, Truffled Goat Cheese and Wild Mushroom Strudel and Coriander Dusted Crab Cakes or head to the entrees such as Chili Pomegranate Glazed Salmon, Raspberry Glazed Half Duck and Braised Beef Ravioli.

25. Tuscan Kitchen, 67 Main St. in Salem, 952-4875, tuscankitchen.com. Hours: Dining room is open Monday through Saturday for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for dinner from 3 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and 3 to 10 p.m. from Wednesday through Saturday. Sunday dinner and pranzo menu is available from noon to 4 p.m. and the dinner menu from 4 to 9 p.m. in the dining room. The wine bar is open from 5 to 10 p.m. "Regional Italian cooking" is how Tuscan Kitchen describes itself, with dishes such as Tagiatelle alla Bolognese, Signature Tuscan Steak Alla Fiorentina and Cacciucco "Tuscan Shellfish Stew."

26. Bedford Village Inn, 2 Olde Bedford Way in Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com. Hours: The Dining Room is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily and brunch on Sundays. The Tavern is open for lunch and dinner. Corks is open Tuesdays through Saturdays 4:30 to close. Housed at the Inn are three different kinds of restaurants (and then, in warm weather, there's the outdoor dining at the Patio) — the Dining Room (with a menu including Pan Roasted Maryland Wild Striped Bass, Roasted Hudson Valley Duck Breast and Whole Grain Mustard Pork Tenderloin), Tavern (Turkey Panini, Chicken Waldorf Salad and a Spicy Sausage Pizza) and Corks (where you can order flights of wine, cheese plates, meats and smaller bites). The Bedford Village Inn was voted Best of Manchester for Best Fine Dining Restaurant, Best Restaurant Wine List and Best Wine Bar (Cork's, the Inn's wine bar, is upstairs from the main dining room).

27. 900 Degrees Pizzeria, 50 Dow St. in Manchester, 641-0900, 900degrees.com. Hours: Sunday through Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Specializing in wood-fired pizza (such as the Florentine Pesto, Fire Roasted BBQ Chicken and the Saltimbocca), 900 Degrees also offers wood-fired pastas, sandwiches, salads, and appetizers (such as Tuscan Spicy Wings, the Hummus Plate and Rustic Garlic Bread). 900 Degrees was voted Best of the Best for Best Pizza, Dine-In.

28. Giorgio's Ristorante & Meze Bar, 524 Nashua St. in Milford, 673-3939; giorgios.com. Hours: Sunday from noon to 9 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Offering a blend of Italian and Greek cuisine, Giorgio's menu features an appetizers Hot Meze Sampler (with fried calamari, Sicilian arancini, stuffed portabella, Spartan lamb gyro, butternut squash-pancetta-filled filo triangles, grilled sausage and stuffed grape leaves) and Greek dishes such as Chicken Souvlaki and Pine Nut Crusted Haddock. Giorgio's was voted Best of Nashua for Best Bathroom. The Merrimack Giorgio's was named Best of Nashua for Best Cocktail (for the Espresso Martini).

29. La Carreta, 545 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 628-6899, 1875 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 623-7705, lacarretamex.com. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 10 p.m. La Carreta has other area locations. Each of the locations is independently owned and operated, according to the website. La Carreta offers Mexican restaurant classics (including a variety of combo meals) and house specials including a Burrito Chile Verde, Pollo Poblano (chicken in a mole poblano sauce) and Camaron Yucatan (grilled shrimp with mild peppers and zucchini). The Manchester La Carretas were voted Best of the Best for Best Mexican/Latin American Restaurant and Best of Manchester for Best Burrito.

30. Saffron Bistro, 80 Main St. in Nashua, 883-2100, hesaffronbistro.com. Hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 5 to 9:30 p.m.; bar and lounge are open Tuesday through Saturday from 4 p.m. to closing. Saffron Bistro offers two different selections of entrees — Bistro Bites (including Chipotle Yellow Fin Tacos, Roasted Butternut squash Risotto and Lobster Quesadilla) and Chef Specialties (including Hudson Valley Duck Breast, Steak Frites and Angry Lobster & Linguine).

31. Sunny's Table, 11 Depot St. in Concord, 225-8181, sunnystable.com. Hours: Open for lunch Wednesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for dinner Wednesday through Saturday from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Describing itself as an upscale casual restaurant where dishes have an Asian flair, Sunny's Table offers dishes in the style of Beef Be Bim Bop, Sticky Korean Chicken Wings and Kimchi Quesadilla.

32. Villa Banca, 194 Main St. in Nashua, 598-0500, villabanca.com. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 4 to 10 p.m. Classic Italian dishes as well as contemporary food

"with Italian underpinnings" is how Villa Banca describes its cuisine, which includes Gorgonzola Haddock, Macadamia Tilapia, Pesto Chicken and Lobster and Turkey Truffle Cream. Villa Banca was voted Best of Nashua for Best Italian Restaurant.

33. Lui Lui, 259 DW Highway in Nashua, 888-2588, luilui.com (with another location in West Lebanon). Open Sunday from noon to 9:30 p.m.; Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Offering wood-fired brick oven pasta and pizzas and classic Italian cuisine in the heart of south Nashua's busy shopping district, Lui Lui offers calzones, traditional and flatbread pizzas, express lunches, specials under $10 and entrees such as grilled chicken Tuscany and a Taste of Italy platter featuring chicken parmesan, cheese lasagna and baked macaroni and cheese.

34. Beefside, 106 Manchester St. in Concord, 228-0208, beefsiderestaurant.com. Hours: Dining room is open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Breakfast is served Monday through Saturday from 7 to 11 a.m., and Sunday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. In addition to its roast beef in a variety of sizes and with different additions, Beefside celebrates meat with a menu of burgers, barbecue (including pulled pork, beef brisket and pork ribs), chicken and steak dinners and sandwiches as well as offering pasta and seafood. Beefside was voted Best of Concord for Best Ribs and Best Sandwich (for Beefside's Famous Roast Beef).

35. Unums, 49 E. Pearl St. in Nashua, 821-6500, unums.com. Hours: open Monday through Saturday from 5 p.m. to close. "American cuisine with a European/Tuscan flavor" is how Unums describes itself on its Facebook page, offering dishes such as Eggplant Arancini, Roasted Duck Breast and Seafood Cioppino.

36. Cheers, 17 Depot St. in Concord, 228-0180, cheersnh.com. Open daily 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Cheers' mix of burgers, sandwiches, salads, Tex-Mex and classic American dining fare includes dishes such as Potato Crusted Haddock, Cajun Combo Pasta, Porterhouse Pork Chop and Chicken Marsala Ravioli. Cheers was voted Best of Concord for Best Burger, Best Late Night Eats, Best Salads and Best Restaurant for Kids. Cheer's Devonne Skinner was voted Best of Concord for Best Waiter/Waitress.

37. Red Blazer Restaurant and Pub, 72 Manchester St. in Concord, 224-4101, theredblazer.com. Hours: The restaurant is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; pub is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Offering "contemporary American cuisine," the Red Blazer's menu of sandwiches, pub fare and main entrees includes Cashew Crusted Pork Chop, Roasted Ginger & Sesame Seed Crusted Salmon, Steak Tip Dinner and Pastry Baked Chicken. Red Blazer was voted Best of Concord for Best Bathroom and Best Buffet.

38. Granite Restaurant at The Centennial, 96 Pleasant St. in Concord, 227-9000, graniterestaurant.com. Hours: Breakfast is served from 7 to 10 a.m. daily; lunch is served Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; dinner is served Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m.; Sunday brunch runs from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In addition to Granite's breakfast menu (where you'll find, among other things, Smoked Turkey & Sweet Potato Hash), lunch menu (Crab Cake BLT, Lemon Lingini), brunch menu (choose your fillings for an omelet or frittata), dessert menu (Banana Beignets, Honey and Spice Poached Pear Tart) and dinner menu (Apple Cider Braised Pork Osso Bucco), Granite offers a Nosh menu featuring Duck Confit Grilled Cheese, House Roasted Nuts and Beef Kefta. The Granite's Corey Fletcher was voted Best of Concord for Best Chef.

39. Villaggio Ristorante Italiano, 677 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 627-2424, villaggionh.com. Open for lunch Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and for dinner Monday from 4:30 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday from 4 to 11 p.m.; Saturday from noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. "Authentic Italian cuisine in the North End of Manchester," is how this relatively new restaurant bills itself, offering dishes such as Capellini con Calamari, Saltimbocca di Pollo and Bistecca Italiana.

40. High Street Farm House, 9 High St. in Goffstown, 384-1990 (find them on Facebook). Open Wednesday and Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 4 to 10 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. High Street Farm House offers barbecue, burgers,

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seafood, vegetarian dishes and traditional American fare, such as the recently posted picture of the Farmhouse Clambake (featuring lazy lobster, fresh Maine steamers and corn on the cob).

41. La Carreta, 139 DW Highway in Nashua, 891-0055, lacarretamex.com. Open (There are other La Carreta locations in Manchester and Derry; each location is independently owned and operated, according to the website.) Open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 10 p.m.; Friday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday from noon to 11 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m. La Carreta offers traditional Mexican fare plus seafood dishes such as Fajitas del Mar (with shrimp and scallops), Camaron a la Diabla (featuring shrimp in a tomatillo sauce) and Arroz con Marisco (grilled marinated shrimp and scallops over rice). Nashua's La Carreta was voted Best of Nashua for Best Burrito and Best Mexican/Latin American Restaurant.

42. Common Man, 304 DW Highway in Merrimack, 429-3463, thecman.com. Hours: Lunch is served Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (with brunch specials until 2 p.m.); dinner is served Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday from 5 to 9:30 p.m., Saturday from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday 4:30 to 9 p.m.; the Bar'n Grill is open daily from 3 p.m. The Bar'n Grill menu at the Common Man includes sandwiches like the Prime Rib Bomb, burgers such as the Bleu Cheese Burger, and other dishes such as the bleu cheese chips and Camp Crackers (mozzarella and gorgonzola topped flatbread with garlic and scallions, baked until crispy). Merrimack's Common Man was voted Best of Nashua for Best Mac & Cheese. Common Man founder Alex Ray was voted runner-up for Best Local Philanthropist.

43. Tiebreakers Family Grille and Wickets on the Green at Hampshire Hills, 50 Emerson Road in Milford, 673-7123, hampshirehills.com. Wickets is open Monday through Saturday from 4 to 9:30 p.m. Tiebreakers is open Tuesday through Saturday at 4 p.m. Hampshire Hills also houses The Courtside Cafe at Hampshire Hills, which is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The eateries are open to members and non-members. Tiebreakers offers eight-inch pizzas, salads, sandwiches, burgers and entrees such as Chicken & Veggie Lasagna, Shepard's Pie and Maple Chicken. Tiebreakers was voted Best of Nashua for Best Restaurant for Kids. Tiebreakers' Dave Bourgault was voted Best of Nashua for Best Bartender. Hampshire Hills was voted Best of Nashua for Best Gym.

44. Homestead Restaurant, 641 DW Highway in Merrimack, 429-2022, homesteadnh.com. Hours: Lunch is served Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; dinner service starts at 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Dinner is available Sunday starting at 11:30 a.m. Homestead offers classic American cuisine with a selection of steaks and entrees like Chicken Marsala and a Fisherman's Platter, and, in the Tavern, a selection of sandwiches, panini, flatbread pizzas, burgers and comfort food such as chicken pot pie.

45. C.C. Tomatoes, 209 Fisherville Road in Concord, 753-4450, cctomatoes.com. Open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. C.C. Tomatoes offers brick-oven pizzas, calzones, seafood and Italian food such as Chicken Carbonara, Seafood Alfredo, Tuscan Garden Grill and Calamari San Remo.

46. Pasquale's Ristorante Italiano, 145 Raymond Road in Candia, 483-5005, pasqualeincandia.com. Open for lunch on Thursday (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and Friday through Sunday (noon to 4 p.m.). Open for dinner Tuesday through Thursday from 4:30 to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 4 to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. "Old fashioned recipes the way Mamma made" is how Pasquale's describes itself on its website, offering dishes such as Il famoso Pollo Pasquale (pan-roasted chicken breast stuffed with fontina cheese, prosciutto di Parma and baby spinach, sliced and topped with roasted garlic cream sauce). According to the website, the restaurant's banquet room will become Pasquale's Brick Oven Pizzeria in May.

47. Pasta Loft, 241 Union Square in Milford, 672-2270, pastaloft.com. Dining hours: Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 8:30 p.m. Pizzeria hours: Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 to 10 p.m.; Thursday, 11:30 to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to midnight; Sunday, noon to 9 p.m. The wine bar is open Monday through Saturday from 4 to 10:30 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. Offering brick-oven pizza and American and Italian-style cuisine, Pasta Loft's menu includes Grilled Chicken Spinach Ravioli, Seafood Pie Florentine and Tender Beef Tips. The Pasta Loft was voted Best of Nashua for Best Bar with an Outdoor Deck.

48. Giorgio's Ristorante & Martini Bar, 707 Milford Road in Merrimack, 883-7333, giorgios.com. Open Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m, and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. After feasting on Greek- and Italian-style fare, save room for dessert at Giorgio's which includes Apple Baklava Anglaise, Chocolate Peanut Butter Bunt, Pumpkin Cheesecake Brulee and Chocolate Lovers Spoon Cake. Giorgio's was named Best of Nashua for Best Cocktail (for the Espresso Martini). Merrimack's Giorgio's was voted Best of Nashua for Best Bathroom.

49. Napa East Wine Lounge & Shop, 12 Murphy Drive in Nashua, 595-WINE, napaeast.com. The restaurant is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 to 10 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 3 p.m. to midnight. The wine store is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 to 10 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 3 to 10:30 p.m. Try one of the 100 wines offered by the glass as you nosh on dishes from Napa East's menu such as Crispy Tempura Fried Green Beans, Slow Braised Angus Beef Short Ribs, Kobe Beef Sliders or the assortment of artisan cheeses. Napa East was voted Best of Nashua for Best New Restaurant, Best Restaurant Wine List, Best Wine Bar and Best Wine Shop.

50. T-Bones Great American Eatery, 39 Crystal Ave. in Derry, 434-3200, t-bones.com. Open Sunday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., with a full menu in the bar until 12:30 a.m. T-Bones has a menu of seasonal spring favorites that features Maple-Citrus Chicken Salad, Maple Dijon Glazed Salmon and Lemon Parmesan Steak Tips. The C.B.C. was picked as Best of Manchester in the Best Sandwich category and Chef Nicole Barreira (chef of T-Bones and Cactus Jack's) was voted Best of Manchester in the Best Chef category.

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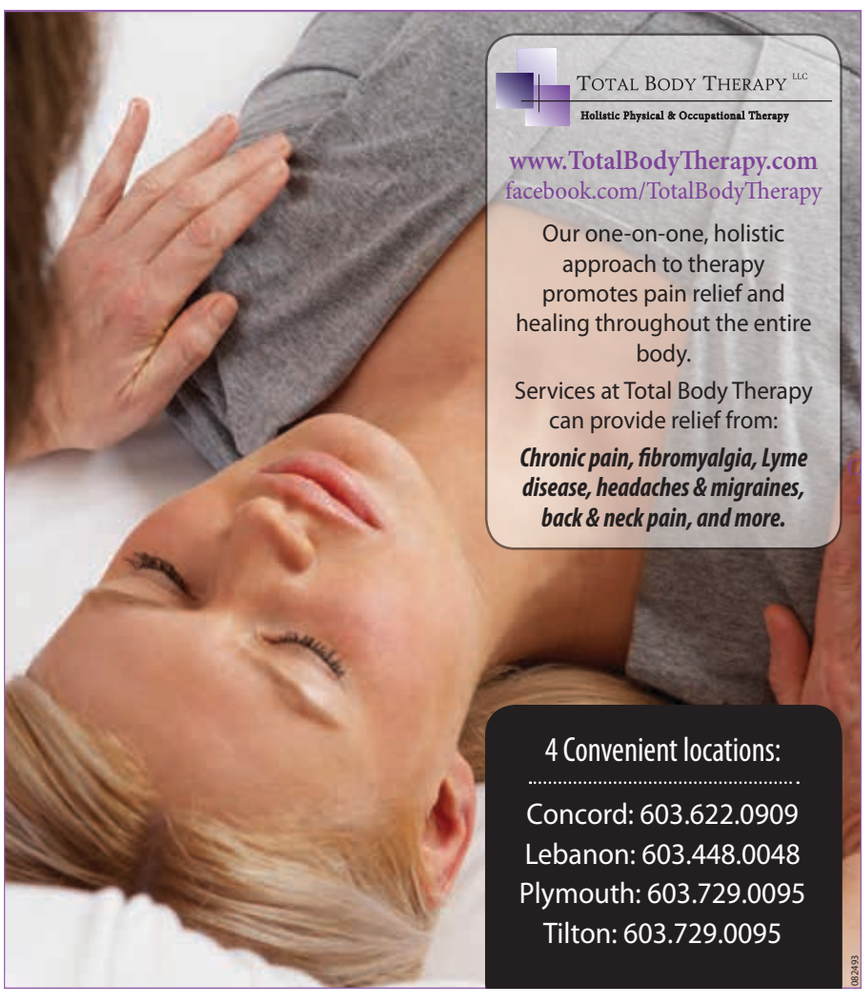
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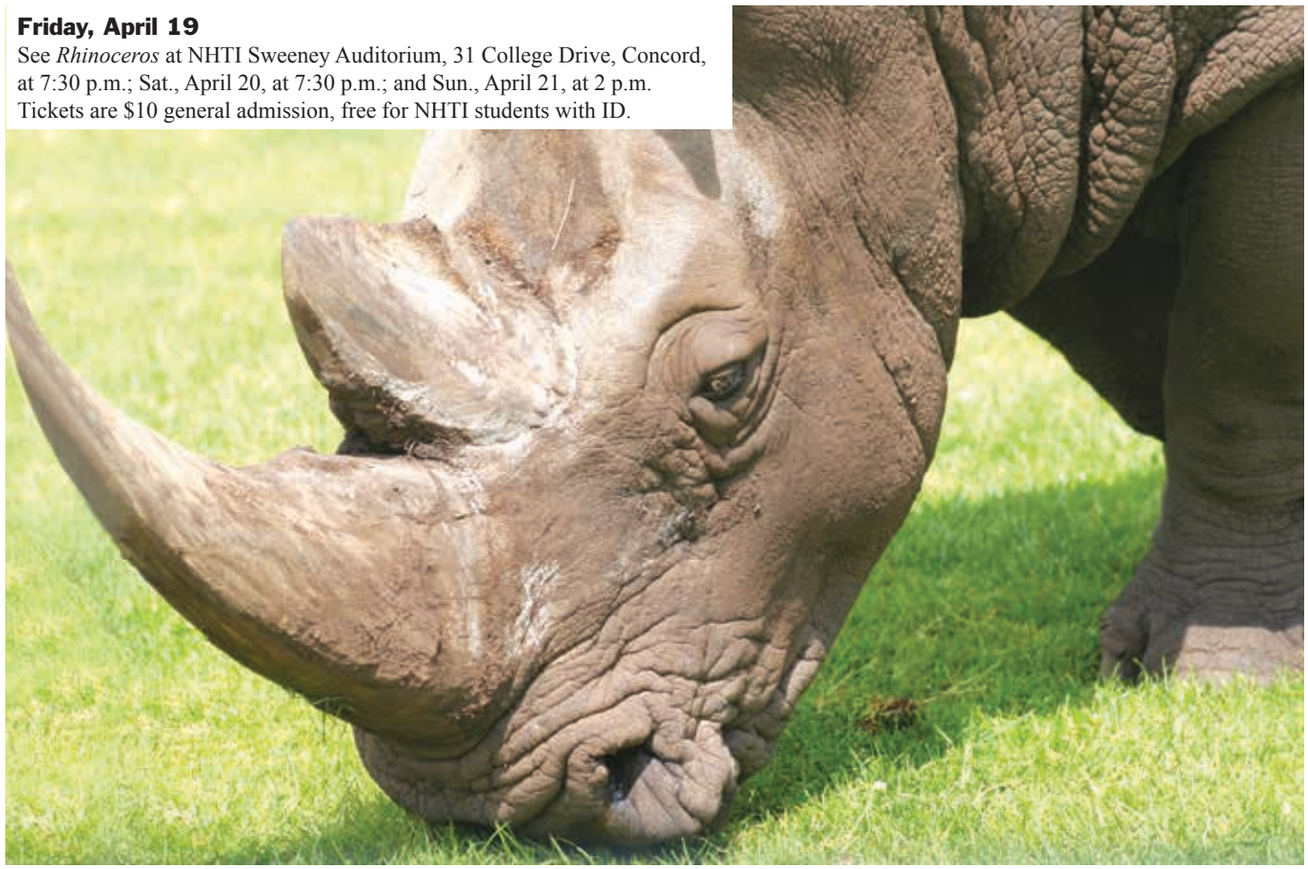


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THIS WEEK

EVENTS TO CHECK OUT APRIL 18 - 24, 2013, AND BEYOND

Friday, April 19
See *Rhinoceros* at NHTI Sweeney Auditorium, 31 College Drive, Concord, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 20, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sun., April 21, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 general admission, free for NHTI students with ID.





Thursday, April 18
"Spring Into Style" will feature consultations in fashion, fitness, makeup and more. Tickets are $10 and proceeds benefit Angie's Shelter, a safe home for women, and takes place at the Derryfield Country Club (625 N. Mammoth Road, Manchester) 6-9 p.m. Visit gmnbr.org/index.php?page_id=MTg5.



Thursday, April 18
Check out "Cooking with Herbs and Spices" at Barnes & Noble (125 S. Broadway, Salem) at 7 p.m. Learn about how you can infuse the herbs and spices that you grow into your cooking. Call 898-1930 or visit bn.com.



Saturday, April 20
Aubrie Dionne, the author of *Paradise 21*, talks about her new sci-fi series at the Manchester Barnes & Noble, 1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, 668-5557, 2-4 p.m.



Saturday, April 20
The Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., Manchester) is holding a book sale from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring your own bag. A regular grocery bag is $5; larger bags are more. The sale includes VHS tapes, DVDs, records and more. Call 624-6550 or email ereddy@manchesternh.gov.

Free: genealogy
On Thursday, April 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be a Society Fair in the Radisson Hotel Manchester, where genealogical and historical societies from all over New England will provide information about their organizations. The Society Fair is open to the public.

Cheap: theater
See "All in the Timing" at New England College's Main Stage Theatre, 58 Depot Hill Road, Henniker, on Thurs., April 18, at 7:30 p.m.; Fri., April 19, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 20, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sun., April 21, at 3 p.m. Tickets $7. Call 428-2382, email nectheatre@nec.edu.

Splurge: music
"Bruce Hornsby: An Intimate Solo Piano Performance" will be at the Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, on Fri., April 19, at 8 p.m. Tickets $38-$58.

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Beyond *Strega Nona*

Tomie dePaola's art on display in Concord

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Art from *Strega Nona*, Tomie dePaola's award-winning children's book. Kelly Sennott photo.

Strega Nona, the plump, big-nosed Italian woman who has a knack for making just the right amount of pasta, is a well-known fictional character throughout New Hampshire's elementary schools.

Forty years after the original *Strega Nona* was first published, New London author Tomie dePaola is still in awe at how well-received his children's books became, particularly those featuring this headscarf-wearing Italian woman.

"I'm still blown away," he said in a phone interview last week.

His success has won him numerous awards, including the Laura Ingalls Wilder Medal, Newbery Medals, the Golden Kite Award, the Aesop Prize, the Caldecott, and the Jeremiah Ludington Medals. He's not quite sure what it is about this old woman that kids are so attracted to, but he suspects it might be that she's warm, friendly and funny-looking. Plus, she does magic.

dePaola's work extends beyond *Strega Nona*, beyond children's book illustration. At 78, he still paints every day in the 200-year-old renovated barn attached to his rural New London home, but he also makes prints, etchings and abstract paintings, and he practices calligraphy.

These works (in addition, of course, to his world-famous illustrations) will decorate the Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden this spring. This is not the first time his work has been seen at the gallery — some of his illustrations were part of a larger exhibition featuring work by children's book illustrators a few years back — but for many of the pieces, this is the first time the artwork will be for sale.

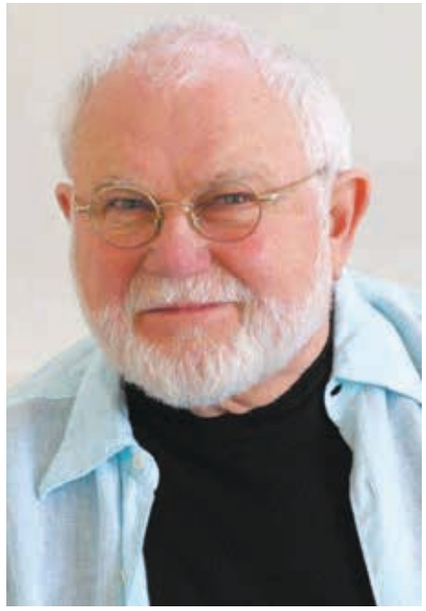
Some of these paintings were held on to for sentimental purposes.

"Whenever I'm working on a book, there are always one or two illustrations that speak to me deeper," he said. "Sometimes it's in illustrating a personal experience that I like. Or it's the color and shapes in the painting. ... But this year I'm releasing them. The originals haven't been seen. I decided it's time to let them loose."

The display will feature canvas paintings that aren't as recognizable as well, featuring soft orange squashes, pumpkins, pink apple trees, pale orange pear trees, watermelons and pansies. Viewers may recognize some illustrations from books; some have no such affiliation.

But they all have that Tomie dePaola-likeness about them: simply drawn but full of color and character.

"I think if someone is very familiar with my work, they'll see the relationship," dePaola said. "Sometimes, what will happen, if I'm working on a series of paintings, is that it will kick off an image I want to use in a book. Sometimes books will kick off an idea in a painting. But many of these pieces are meant to stand alone, meant just to be images enjoyed."



Tomie dePaola. Photo by Julie MarisSemel.

Gallery owner Pam Tarbell says that dePaola is likely the best-known children's author in New Hampshire.

"The shapes in his paintings are simple, but his illustrations are very well done," Tarbell said as she gestured to a pink, blue and orange illustration from his picture book.

The image was of a young boy blowing bubbles with his cat, from *Benny's Big Bubble.*

"My publisher works very hard to get the reproduction as beautiful as possible," dePaola said. "But no matter how good the reproduction, people will often say the originals are so much more beautiful. And I say, 'Of course they are!' The printing process only uses four different color inks."

The exhibit offers a chance to show work near his home.

"I've been so busy that I haven't had time to show work close by," dePaola said. These next seven months will make up for that. Besides his show at the Mill Brook Gallery, one of his paintings, "Artist at Work," is also up for grabs at the Friends Program auction on May 3 in Concord (friendsprogram.org/events/auction). This fall, Colby-Sawyer College in New London will host an exhibition, "Tomie dePaola: Then and Now," featuring his artwork from junior high through the mid-1970s.



Art from *Benny's Big Bubble* by Tomie dePaola. Kelly Sennott photo.

"It's interesting to see my work when I was 12. I wasn't very good," dePaola chuckled. "My work has changed, but it hasn't. If anything, it's gotten more refined."

Practice, he says, is essential to his painting. So is his barn work space.

"I have a painting area, an illustration area, and my assistant has an office in the structure. My dog, Brontë, has eight beds here," dePaola said, laughing. "It's just inspiring to come in here every morning."

He's looking forward to showing because he loves New Hampshire — and his New London home in particular.

"I'm the kind of artist who





Tomie dePaola's art will be on display in Concord April 25 through June 23. Kelly Sennott photos.

needs that sort of quiet. I'd have too many distractions if I were in the city. I'd be out all of the time — at a restaurant, at the theater, at the night clubs," he said.

Back when he lived in New York City, he said, he got along with very little sleep.

"The minute the sun went down, I went out!" he said.

And New Hampshire, he said, was where he came up with some of his most popular work. He's told the story many times. His book were just beginning to get noticed, and his editor, Ellen Roberts, suggested he look into re-telling a folk tale.

But he wasn't thinking about that while he was drawing during a faculty meeting at Colby Sawyer (they thought he was taking notes). He had started drawing the Italian commedia dell'arte character Punchinello but found himself creating an old Italian woman instead.

He wasn't thinking about using her specifically for this folk tale story when he first drew Strega Nona, but he made a note to keep the drawing.

"I never dismiss an idea because I never know where it's going to lead to ... I don't judge them, either. I let them develop. I'm never surprised if an idea I put aside comes back or leads to something else. It could be a doorway to something really remarkable," dePaola said. "I think that's one of the biggest things I've learned in being an artist. You never know when the brilliant ideas will come."

"Tomie dePaola: Paintings, Illustrations, and Prints"

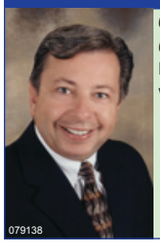
Where: Mill Brook Gallery and Sculpture Garden, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord
When: On view April 25 through June 23
Reception: Friday, April 26, 5 to 7 p.m. Tomie dePaola will be there to talk about his work. Viewers are welcome to bring books to sign and leave them at the gallery for dePaola to sign after the reception, to be picked up at a later date.
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"Adolphe Monet in the Garden of Le Coteau at Sainte-Adresse" by Claude Monet. Courtesy image.

• **Now walk it out:** The Friends Program is hosting an Art Walk and Auction Preview on Friday, April 19, in downtown Concord. While this event is intended as a preview for the Friends Auction on Friday, May 3, at 6 p.m., at the Grappone Conference Center (tickets available at the preview event), Friends Development Director Kelley Potenza said it's also geared toward folks who just want to enjoy a downtown Concord art stroll. The event this Friday begins at 4 p.m. with a wine tasting at the Concord Food Co-op. A number of downtown businesses will feature public art, including the Concord Food Co-op (24 S. Main St., work by Sally Ladd Cole); the Concord Chamber of Commerce (49 S. Main St., work by Lisa Nelthropp); Endicott Furniture (12 S. Main St., work by Judy Dibble); Gibson's Bookstore (27 S. Main St., work by James Wolcott); Rowland Studio (23 N. Main St., work by Ellen Davis); Capitol Craftsman & Romance Jewelers (16 N. Main St., work by Melissa Miller); Hilltop Consignment Gallery (56 N. Main St., Charlotte Thibault); Mark Knipe Goldsmiths (Two Capital Plaza); and the Merrimack County Savings Bank (89 N. Main St., work by David Dodge and James Aponovich).

It ends with an artist reception (beer, wine, hors d'oeuvres) at the Merrimack County Savings Bank. Best part? It's a free event. You can find out more about the Friends auction at friendsprogram.org/events/auction.

• **Manchester Trolley Tour:** If you see people sporting crazy hats around Manchester on Thursday, April 25, 5-8 p.m., it's because they're hip-hopping around local art venues for the "Crazy Hat" themed Open Doors Manchester trolley tour. Two trolleys will circulate the same route during the event duration, stopping at each location every 30-40 minutes. Participating venues include the Art 3 Gallery (44 W. Brook St., Manchester, 668-6650, art3gallery.com); Langer Place (55 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 626-4388); the Millyard Museum (200 Bedford St., Manchester, manchesterhistoric.org); the SEE Science Center (200 Bedford St., Manchester, 669-0400, seesciencecenter.org); Framers Market (1301 Elm St., Manchester, 668-6989); the NH Institute of Art (148 Concord St., Manchester, 623-0313, nhia.edu); Studio 550 Art Center (550 Elm St., Manchester, 550arts.com) and E.W. Poore, 775 Canal St., Manchester, 622-3802, ewpoore.com). You can download a schedule at majestictheatre.net/opendoors.php.

• **See Monet for free during April vacation week:** There are two important developments you should know at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester) this week. First, the museum has a new Claude Monet piece on loan: "Adolphe Monet in the Garden of Le Coteau at Sainte-Adresse." On view in the Currier's European gallery, it depicts the artist's father reading a newspaper under a canopy of shade trees, and the painting, which has been on public view only twice, remained in the artist's family until 2004. It will return to the owner in early July. Next week might be your best chance to see it; admission is free during April vacation, Monday, April 22, through Friday, April 26. (The museum is closed Tuesday.)

— *Kelly Sennott*

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ART LISTINGS

Art events

• **OPEN DOORS TROLLEY NIGHT** throughout Manchester on Thurs., April 25, 5-8 p.m. (Crazy Hats Night) and Thurs., Aug. 1, 5-8 p.m. (Tiki Trolley Night). Two trolleys stop at each venue every 30 minutes. Visit opendoorsmanchester.com or call 669-7469.

• **ALL ACCESS: JOURNEY INTO THE WORLD OF MUSIC AND PHOTOGRAPHY** on Thurs., April 25, 5-9 p.m., at the Haropulos Photography Studio, 55 S. Commercial St., Manchester. Part of Trolley Tour. Free.

• **OPEN STUDIOS** at the Picker Building, 99 Factory St. Ext., Nashua, on Sat., April 27, noon-5 p.m. Watercolor, oil, stained glass, pottery, jewelry, photography, woodworking, sculpture, fiber arts, screen pringing, mixed media, fused glass, art clay, etc. Visit pickerbuilding.com.

• **FINE LEAF ART** trunk show with work by Joan Hayes on Thurs., May 2, 5-7 p.m., at McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord, 225-2515, mcgowanfineart.com, art@mcgowanfineart.com.

• **ART SPRINGS INTO ACTION** at Mack's Apple Farm, 230 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, on Sat., May 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sun., May 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Artists demonstrate and interact with public. Two-dimensional art show and sale. Call 434-4799 or email info@londonderry-artscouncil.org.

Exhibit openings

• **"A PAINTER'S JOURNEY"** exhibit at East Colony Fine Art, Langer Place, 55 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 28 ▶

ARTS

Six hours, 154 sonnets

Shakespeare reading a rite of spring

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Next Tuesday, 150 individuals will "learn to read what silent love hath writ" and "summon up remembrance of things past" in a sonnet-reading marathon. Can you guess whose work they'll be reading? Here's a hint: his poems are 13 lines.

Saint Anselm College professor Gary Bouchard says it takes about six hours to read Shakespeare's 154 sonnets. He would know; he has been leading an outdoor reading marathon on the bard's birthday at Saint Anselm College for 25 years now.

On Tuesday, April 23, the event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school's new college common. Students, staff, faculty, alumni and visitors annually take part in this event that Bouchard and alumni say has become "a rite of spring," reading all of Shakespeare's sonnets under (hopefully) the warm sun beating down.

"It's not officially spring until we get all those sonnets read," Bouchard said. "I love it just as an opportunity to get poetry out in the open, to get people who otherwise wouldn't go near poetry to go near it, or, best-case scenario, to read it."

In past years, the event has primarily been concentrated with readers and listeners associated with Saint Anselm, but this year, Bouchard has been trying publicize the event more to lovers of Shakespeare and theater outside the college.

"The public reading of poetry is not something people are generally accustomed to seeing, even on a college campus. We want to make it as public as possible, to perk people's curiosity, if nothing else," Bouchard said. "The more people, the bigger the crowds, the more disruptive the event is, the better."

Bouchard began the sonnet-reading event in 1989, shortly after he began working at Saint Anselm College. The English professor brought the tradition over from Loyola University in Chicago.

Julie Shea says it's like a street festival.

"It brings Shakespeare in kind of an open, public space, so that people who might not be so interested at first stop and take a second look," said Shea, a 2006 alumnus who now works at Granite State Credit Union in Nashua and is one of the many who will return as part of the event's 25th anniversary.

Alumnus Thomas Bebbington will also return to read, as he almost always does. Bebbington, who currently works at an insurance company in Portsmouth, once read a sonnet over the phone to avoid forfeiting his spot.

"I love the event. For me, it's always heralded the beginning of spring. You're out there all day, you're reading Shakespeare ... what a great way to start the season," Bebbington said. Granted, he is a bit biased; he was an English major and once owned a guinea pig named William Shakespeare.



Saint Anselm College will host its annual Shakespeare sonnet reading Tuesday, April 23. Courtesy photo.

Each sonnet holds a special place for the individuals reading. In 2001, Matthew Konieczka used Shakespeare's birthday to propose to girlfriend with Sonnet 109, which begins, "O never say that I was false at heart." (She said yes.) Some sonnets, such as Sonnet 135, require audience participation.

"He uses his name, Will, 12 times in Sonnet 135. I read the entire sonnet, and they [listeners] shout out the word 'Will' each time it's read," Bouchard said.

Breaks are dispersed throughout the day, some of which are filled with scenes from Shakespeare's most famous plays. At noon, the Abbey Players present Act IV, Scene 1 from *All's Well That Ends Well*. At 12:30 p.m., the Saint Anselm Chamber Music Ensemble presents an offering of "early modern music," and at 12:45, "Duke's Dawgs" will perform a scene from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. (Duke's Dawgs is a theater group that consists of Saint Anselm faculty and staff. Bouchard says they're so bad, they're good.) At 2:10 p.m., the Abbey Players present Act IV, Scene 1 from *Macbeth*.

"Nobody has spoken more beautifully about love, death and time, which are three things that are pertinent to all of us. While he is writing to a specific person in a specific time, people connect with these sonnets in remarkable ways," Bouchard said.

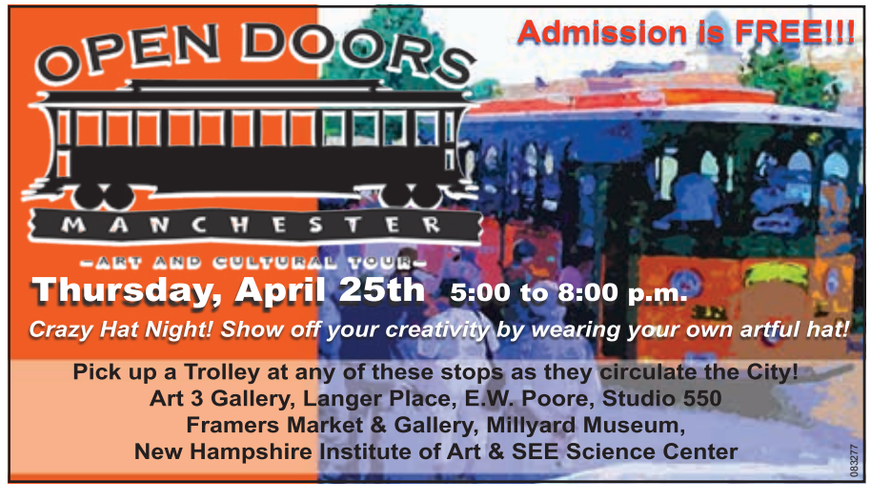
"Shall I compare thee..."

Where: Saint Anselm College Common, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester
When: Shakespeare's birthday, Tuesday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Admission: Free
Parking: Bouchard advises newcomers to park in the Dana Center parking lot or near the Sullivan Ice Arena

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Carlos Santiago and Clancy McMahon Jr. in NHTI's *Rhinoceros*. Courtesy photo.

• ***Rhinoceros:*** The New Hampshire Technical Institute's drama club Stage Lynx will present *Rhinoceros* by Eugene Ionesco on Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, April 21, at 2 p.m., in the Sweeney Auditorium, 31 College Drive, Concord. The show is described in the press release as an examination of herd mentality and individualism. It first appeared as a short story in 1957 as a response to Ionesco's experience as a young man in Romania, at which time everyone around him was becoming a fascist, but in his "absurdist" reinterpretation of these events, people instead turn into rhinoceri. Tickets are $10 general admission. Email nsafley@ccsnh.edu.

• **It's all in the timing:** New England College's Theatre department performs *All in the Timing* by David Ives on Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, April 21, at 3 p.m., in the Main Stage Theatre, 58 Depot Hill Road, Henniker. The show is a collection of six short plays that deal with the fragility of human interaction, from heartache and regret to knowledge and love. One follows three monkeys trying to write Hamlet; another, a young woman with a stuttering problem writing a universal language called "Unamunda." Tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for seniors and children. Call 428-2382 or email nectheatre@nec.edu.

• **Fantastique:** The New Hampshire Philharmonic performs on Saturday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, in "Symphonie Fantastique." At this spring concert, viewers will find music by New Hampshire-born composer John Adams "photochoreographed" and performed alongside illustrations by New Hampshire school children. The winner of the Philharmonic's youth concerto competition will also be featured in a brief solo piece with the orchestra. Tickets are $12-$50. Visit nhphilharmonic.org.

• **Do you know the real story?** One of Time magazine's top five children's theatres in the U.S., Dallas Children's Theatre, presents *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* on Friday, April 19, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., at the Dana Center for the Humanities, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester. They'll present the story you don't know: that it's possible Alexander T. Wolf was framed for the murder of the first two little pigs. Featuring a "nail-tough" prosecutor pig Julia, a "news-hungry" reporter pig Lillian Magill and judge Prudence Pig, the show is perfect for kids ages 5 and older, according to the release. Call 641-7700 or email dana@anselm.edu for ticket information.

— Kelly Sennott

26 ▶ on view through April 27. Reception on Thurs., April 25, 6-8 p.m. Call 621-7400, visit eastcolony.com.

• **HIGH MOWING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION** April 19 through May 31 at Hilltop Cafe on Abbot Hill Road. Reception on Fri., April 19, 4-5 p.m. Call 654-2391 or visit highmowing.org.

• **JANET CLINGERMAN HSIAO** is the Hollis Arts Society April artist of the month, and her work shows at RE/MAX Properties, 2 Ash St., Hollis, through April. Opening reception on Thurs., April 18, 5-7 p.m. See her work at janetclingermanhsiao.com.

• **"GERALD AUTEN: RECKLESS"** at The Studio, 50 Canal St., Laconia, April 18 through May 31. Reception on Thurs., April 18, 5-7 p.m., 455-8008. Show of Auten's large abstract graphite drawings.

• **"CONTINUING THE TRADITION"** at the League of NH Gallery in the SMILE! building, 49 S. Main St., Concord, April 19 through June 19. Handmade fine crafts. Reception Fri., April 19, 5-7 p.m. Call 224-3375, visit nhcrafts.org.

• **"JUST CHAIRS"** exhibition at the Furniture Masters' Gallery, 49 S. Main St., Concord, April 12 through June 11. Reception on Fri., April 19, 5-9 p.m., in conjunction with Art Concord/Art Walk.

• **"CROSSING THE LINE"** on display at the Art 3 Gallery, 33 W. Brook St., Manchester, 668-6650, April 22 through July 12. Artists' reception on Thurs., April 25, 5-8 p.m., in conjunction with Open Doors Manchester Trolley Tour.

• **GARY SAMSON** is the featured artist in a show for Nikki's Dream for Wellness and Education. Dinner with the artist on Sat., April 20, at the New Hampshire Institute of Art, 148 Concord St., Manchester, 6-8 p.m. Tickets $50 per person. Call 315-6700 or email diane@nikkisdream.com.

• **"UNITY"** NHIA Educator Lab School collaboration with BRING IT! student exhibition at Studio 550 Community Arts Center, 550 Elm St., Manchester. On view through mid-May. Reception on Thurs., April 18, 5-7 p.m.

• **"JOHN BONNER: PEOPLE, PUBLIC, PRIVATE"** at McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord, April 23 through May 24. Reception on Fri., April 26, 5-7 p.m. Call 225-2515, visit mcgowanfineart.com.

• **"BLOOM"** show of ceramic art for flowers at Studio 550, 550arts.com, 550 Elm St., Manchester, 232-5597. Opening reception on Thurs., April 25, 5-8 p.m. On view through May 31.

• **"PETALS TO PAINT"** April 25-April 27 at East Colony Fine Art, 55 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 621-7400, eastcolony.com. Opening reception on Thurs., April 25, 5-8 p.m.

• **"TOMIE DE PAOLA: PAINTINGS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND PRINTS"** exhibit at Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 226-2046, April 25-June 23. Reception on Fri., April 26, 5-7:30 p.m. Visit artsculpt@mindspring.com.

• **"MARINE PAINTINGS AND OBJECTS"** exhibit at the New

ALL SORTS OF SONGS



The Souhegan Valley Chorus spring concerts on Saturday, April 27, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m. at the Milford Town Hall Oval celebrate Director Jennifer K. Erdody's 10th year as the director of the chorus and include a wide variety of musical types chosen by Erdody to showcase the versatility of the chorus, according to a press release. "The repertoire for chorus is so extensive. Instead of selecting a theme, we are including a wide variety of pieces this time. It's the kind of concert we love to do, exploring everything from standards to spirituals, Broadway to classical," Erdody said in the release. The concert will also include selections performed by The Valleyaires and two quartets, all made up of auditioned chorus members. Admission is $15 for adults, $10 for seniors and students, free for children 12 and younger. Visit souheganvalleychorus.org. Pictured, Jennifer K. Erdody. Courtesy photo.

Hampshire Antique Co-Op, 323 Elm St./Rte. 101A, Milford, 673-8499, April 21 through Sept. 30. Reception April 21, 1-3 p.m.

THEATER LISTINGS

• ***JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH*** by Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth, on Sat., April 20, at 2 p.m.; and Sat., April 27, at 2 p.m. Tickets $6-$10. Call 433-4472.

• ***ALADDIN AND THE LAMP OF DREAMS*** Phoenix Marionette Theater show at the Mariposa Museum, 26 Main St., Peterborough, on Sat., April 20, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Sun., April 21, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Admission $7. Call 924-4555, email pr@mariposamuseum.org.

• ***FIVE WOMEN WEARING THE SAME DRESS*** by Nashua Theatre Guild at the Janice B. Streeter Theater, 14 Court St., Nashua, on Thurs., April 18, at 8 p.m.; Fri., April 19, at 8 p.m.; Sat., April 20, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sun., April 21, at 2 p.m. Tickets $15. Visit nashuatheatreguild.org. Call 320-2530.

• ***ALL IN THE TIMING*** at New England College's Theatre Main Stage Theatre, 58 Depot Hill Road, Henniker, on Thurs., April 18, at 7:30 p.m.; Fri., April 19, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 20, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sun., April 21, at 3 p.m. Tickets $7. Call 428-2382, email nectheatre@nec.edu.

• ***RHINOCEROS*** at NHTI Sweeney Auditorium, 31 College Drive, Concord, on Fri., April 19, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 20, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sun., April 21, at 2 p.m. Tickets $10 general admission, free for NHTI students.

• ***A BROADWAY REVUE*** presented by Performers Who Care on Fri., April 19, at 7:30 p.m., and Sat., April 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Atrium at Concord's Eagle Square. Tickets $25, available at Caring Gifts, 18 No. Main St., Concord, and HeartGift Boutique at the Payson Center for Cancer Care. Call 230-6035. Proceeds go to "Lend Me A Hand" fund.

• ***THE TRUE STORY OF THE THREE LITTLE PIGS*** on Fri., April 19, at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m., at Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 641-7700.

• ***SOUTHERN FRIED MURDER: A DINNER THEATRE*** at The Chateau, Manchester, on Fri., April 19, at 7 p.m. ($35); Sat., April 20, at 7 p.m. ($35); and Sun., April 21, at 1:30 p.m. ($32). Advance reservation required. Visit majestictheatre.net.

• **SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** with Seven Stages Shakespeare Company's "Shakespeare's Day" on Tues., April 23, all day long. Sonnet-a-thon at Portsmouth Book & Bar, 40 Pleasant St., Portsmouth, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; "Busking with the Bard" in Market Square 4 p.m.-6 p.m.; "Examining Shakespeare's Poetry" at RiverRun Bookstore, 142 Fleet St., Portsmouth, 7-8:30 p.m.; "Bard Beat Night" at The Press Room, 77 Daniel St., Portsmouth. Email 7stagesshakespeare@gmail.com.

• ***LOVE AND LETTUCE*** video-theater production about love, suspicion and surprise on on Tues., April 23, at 7 p.m., and Wed., April 24, at 7 p.m., in Whipple Town Hall (429 Main St., New London). Free admission. Call 526-3000.

• ***1776*** by High Mowing High School on Thurs., April 25, at 7 p.m.; Fri., April 26, at 7 p.m.; and Sat., April 27, at 7 p.m., at Pine Hill Waldorf School auditorium, Abbot Hill Road, Wilton. Visit highmowing.org, call 654-2391. Tickets $12.

• ***DOUBT, A PARABLE*** presented by Community Players of Concord on Fri., May 3, at 8 p.m., Sat., May 4, at 8 p.m., and Sun., May 5, at 2 p.m., at Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. Tickets $12-$17, communityplayersofconcord.org, 228-2793.

CLASSICAL LISTINGS

• **BRUCE HORNSBY: AN INTIMATE SOLO PIANO PERFORMANCE** at the Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, on Fri., April 19, at 8 p.m. Tickets $38-$58.

• **VISHTEN** concert at Franklin Opera House, 316 Central St., Franklin, Fri., April 19, 7:30 p.m. Call 934-1901 or visit franklinoperahouse.org. Tickets $10-$22.

• **MUSIC FUND BENEFIT CONCERT** featuring Fiona Graham on harp on Sat., April 20, at 7 p.m., at High Mowing School, Isaac Frye Hwy, Wilton. Chamber music performances by students. Donations for David Anderson Music Fund accepted.

• **ROBERT STIBLER** musical lecture/demonstration on Sun., April 21, 3-4:30 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, 101 Chapel St., Portsmouth. Call 332-4522. Free.

• **CLARA KENNEDY CONCERT** on Sat., April 20, at 7:30 p.m., at Milford Town Hall Auditorium, 1 Union Square, Milford. Tickets $20. milfordrec.com.

• **NH PHILHARMONIC** presents "Fantastique" on Sat., April 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. Tickets $12-$50. Visit palacetheatre.com.

• **GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS** at Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, 978-654-4MRT, April 25-May 19. Tickets start at $20.

• **MUSIC IN MY POCKETS: FAMILY FUN IN FOLK MUSIC** at the Hooksett Library (31 Mount Saint Mary's Way, Hooksett, 485-6092) on Thurs., April 25, at 6:30 p.m.

• **SWOON INTO APRIL** evening of jazz and spring tapas on Sat., April 27, at 7 p.m., at the Trumpet Gallery, 8 Grove St., Peterborough, with musician Mike Wakefield. Admission $25. Call 924-9862 or email monaadisabrooks@gmail.com.

• **ARTURO O'FARRIL & THE LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE IN CONCERT** on Fri., April 26, at 7:30 p.m., at the Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 862-7222. Tickets $32.50.


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From yoga to pilates, cooking to languages to activities for the kids, Hippo's weekly listing offers a rundown of all area events and classes. Get your program listed by sending information to listings@hippopress.com at least three weeks before the event.

INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Moving meditation

Celebrate World Tai Chi Day in Manchester

By Cory Francer
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Jim Winner was sitting in the waiting room at a doctor's office when it first happened. Paging through a magazine, he noticed a reference to Qigong. Not thinking much of it, he went about the rest of his day.

Then, when he got home, he switched on the TV. There it was again. Qigong.

When he went to his nightly yoga class that evening, Winner asked the instructor if she knew anything about Qigong. She said she had just started getting into it.

Three times in one day, Winner said. There must be something to this thing.

Before that day that would change his life, Winner said he was starting to feel the effects of working a stressful job. Combining that with taking MBA classes at night was taking a toll on him mentally, emotionally and physically. Once he started with Qigong, an ancient Chinese movement and breathing technique, he immediately felt a change. That practice led him to tai chi, he said, which further helped him turn his life around.

When he returned home from a 1998 trip through China, Nepal and Tibet, Winner said, it became clear that he needed to share the benefits of tai chi and Qigong with those who needed it most. He said all throughout Asia, he found people in their 80s and 90s waking up early in the morning to practice tai chi together. The flexibility and balance of these senior citizens made it clear that to help seniors at home stay healthy, Winner had to spread his knowledge of tai chi.

"Falls are the leading cause of traumatic brain injury," Winner said. "And the baby boomers are getting to be that age. But there are preventative ways to avoid falls, and tai chi is one of the best."

As one of the co-founders of the Oriental Healing Arts Association, a Plaistow-based non-profit organization, Winner teaches tai chi and Qigong throughout southern New Hampshire, including Tuesday mornings in the gymnasium at the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire in Manchester.

Winner said the association's trademarked Senior Friendly Tai Chi and Senior Safe Tai Chi classes are designed to provide students with a non-strenuous introduction to the exercise. Once the initial eight- to 12-week level-one course is completed, Winner said, students can either continue to practice at the same level or move on to a higher level, which involves more movements.

In addition to increasing balance and flexibility, Winner said, tai chi can be relaxing and help with mental health, which is why the practice is commonly referred to as "moving meditation." While fall prevention is at the core of what Winner does, he said tai chi can also help in preventing strokes and in the stroke rehabilitation process.

"People who do tai chi recover faster from strokes," Winner said. "If they had been doing it before they had a stroke, they can gain their abilities back quicker."

To give the benefits of tai chi, Qigong and other martial art forms more exposure, Winner helped put together a World Tai Chi & Qigong Day event at Livingston Park in Manchester's North End. From 9 a.m. to noon, tai chi and other demonstrations and group classes will be held in the park.

Winner said the day is celebrated worldwide on the morning of April 27. Beginning in New Zealand and heading west with the sun, tai chi enthusiasts and beginners will practice at the same time across the globe.

Much of the day will center around tai chi, but other art forms will be presented as well. Bobb Maio of Granite Dragon Arts in Merrimack will lead a Baguazhang demonstration, which he said is related to tai chi and the two are considered "brother sister martial arts." The main difference, he said, is that Baguazhang is designed for multiple opponents.

Michael Coulon, the director of the New Hampshire Tai Chi Chuan Center, will lead a demonstration of the saber form of tai chi. Coulon said the saber form is a little flashier than the more common styles since the moves are done with a single-edged saber in hand.

"It's an impressive-looking form, to say the least," Coulon said. "Because you have something in your hand, you have to extend that energy to the blade or to the tip."

"It's about being in the moment and not worrying about the past or future," Winner said. "As you're moving, you have to be in the present. People come in, and they're not focused on the things like the bills that are due."



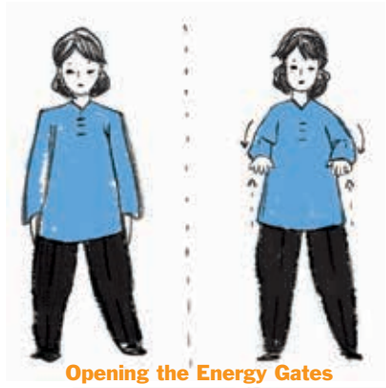
Jim Winner demonstrates Tai Chi movements. Cory Francer photo.

World Tai Chi & Qigong Day

Festival
When: Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to noon.
Where: Livingston Park, DW Highway North, Manchester
Cost: Free
Contact: Call 382-4342 or visit wusu.com

Tai Chi Class
When: Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. to noon
Where: The Center for Health Promotion, 49 S. Main St., Suite 200, Concord
Cost: Free
Contact: Call 230-7300 or visit concordhospital.org/offerings/coursereg.php

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Build, make or grow

Families can work together to **build a play sand table** that can be used on a deck or porch. The workshop is being offered at Kalily Studio (22 Huckins Road, Epsom) and staff members will help with the assembly of the table. On Saturday, April 20, participants can pick up a $20 kit from Barton Lumber (245 Province Road, Barnstead) and then join in on the 10 a.m. workshop for $20. Call 783-6065 or visit kalilystudio.com.

Teens can take part in a craft making day on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Nashua Gallery (98 Main St., Nashua). For ages 14 and older, Joy Raskin will lead an **earring making class** that will provide participants with their own earrings to take home at the end of the day. Prior experience is not needed. The class costs $70 with a $20 materials fee. Call 595-8233 or visit nhcrafts.org.

Celebrate spring by planting some seeds. Head to the Wadleigh Memorial Library (49 Nashua St., Milford) Saturday, April 20, from 11 a.m. to noon, to **plant seeds** inside cups of soil. Once your seeds are planted, take them home to see what sprouts. All ages are welcome and registration is not required. Call 673-2408 or visit wadleighlibrary.org.

Outdoor fun

Vintage fun returns to **Victorian Park** (350 N. Broadway, Salem) with its inaugural weekend of the 2013 season. Visit the park Friday, Saturday or Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and get in that first round of mini golf or have an ice cream cone in the park's old-fashioned ice cream parlor. Or head in to the arcade and try your hand at contemporary and vintage video games. Mini golf rates are $8.50 for ages 13 and older, $6.50 for ages 65 and older and ages 6 to 12, $4.50 for ages 3 to 5 and free for kids younger than 3. Call 898-1803 or visit victorianpark.com.

It's time to bait your hook and cast off at Merrill Park (27 Eastman St., Concord). **Youth Fishing Day** returns to Concord on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will feature a fully stocked trout pond for kids to fish in. Kids and teenagers 16 and younger can take part and admission is free. Tackle and bait will be supplied, or anglers can bring their own. Contact Bill Hall by calling 463-7766 or emailing woodhenge@copper.net.

For the family

Embrace the roots of New England dance with a **family contra dance** Saturday, April 20, from 8 to 11 p.m. Head to the East Concord Community Center (18 Eastman St., Concord) for a night of dancing featuring caller Carolyn Wood and music from the Dorsey-Parrott Pick-Ups. Admission is $7, $5 for ages 15 to 25 and free for younger than 15. Call 225-4917 or visit homepage.nhvt.net/dwh/contra.htm.

All aboard! The Hooksett Lions Club will be hosting its 18th annual **model train show** on Sunday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the David R. Cawley Middle School (89 Whitehall Road, Hooksett) to check out displays of working model trains, videos, clinics and activities just for kids. Admission is $4 for adults and $1 for kids ages 6 to 12. The family rate is $10. Visit e-clubhouse.org/sites/hooksett/index.php.

Celebrate Earth Day with some organic yogurt at the annual festival hosted by Stonyfield Yogurt (10 Burton Drive, Londonderry) Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m. Activities will include a kids' race, live music, mascots from local sports teams and food samples. Admission is free. Visit stonyfield5k.com.

Rhyme time

Start your weekend with some rhymes at the Barnes & Noble Nashua location (235 DW Highway, Nashua). On Friday, April 19, at 7 p.m., join in on **Hats off to Poetry with Dr. Seuss**. Kids will hear famous Seuss stories like *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*, *Green Eggs and Ham* and *There's a Wocket in my Pocket*. Call 888-0533 or visit bn.com.

CHILDREN & TEENS

Events

• **EXPLORING ART: FLOWER POWER** at Kelley Public Library (234 Main St., Salem) Thurs., April 18, at 3:30 p.m. For ages 7 to 12, learn about Georgia O'Keefe's artwork and then create your own painting. Registration is required. Call 898-7064 or visit salem.lib.nh.us.

• **FAMILY FUN FAIR** at NH Sportsplex (68 Technology Drive, Bedford) Sat., April 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids activities, music, crafts, rock climbing and train rides will all be part of the day's events. Admission is $5 per person with a $20 family cap. Ages 3 and younger are free. Proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester. Visit parentingnh.com.

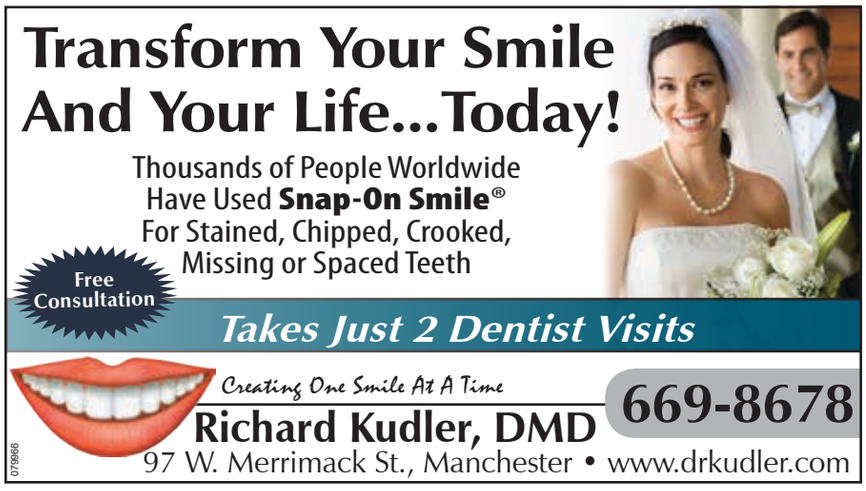
PLANTING DAY at the Wadleigh Memorial Library (49 Nashua St., Milford) Sat., April 20, 11 a.m.-noon. Visit the children's room to plant seeds in cups, then take them home to watch them grow. Registration is not required. Call 673-2408 or visit wadleighlibrary.org.

• **VERNAL POOL PROWL** at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (23 Science Center Road, Holderness) Tues., April 23, 10-11:30 a.m. For children ages 6 and older, learn about and explore vernal pools. Cost is $8. Call 968-7194 or visit nhnature.org.

• **COYOTE CAPERS** at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (23 Science Center Road, Holderness) Thurs., April 25, 10-11:30 a.m. For ages 5 and older, learn about coyotes through stories and activities. Visitors will get a chance to take a look at the center's own coyote. Admission is $9. Call 968-7194 or visit nhnature.org.

• **FAMILY STORYTIME WITH STEPHEN BERWICK** at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian













INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,

I would like to know if there is a market out there for old taxidermy items such as this one. I believe it's from the 1960s or thereabout. It's in good condition but does show some age wear to it, and there's a crack in one of the fins.

We don't know what to do with it now that we have it. So we thought you might be able to help with a buyer and value.

Thanks so much for your time, Donna.
Jack



Dear Jack,

Wow, this is the first time I have ever seen a taxidermy shark. Pretty neat, and big too.

Taxidermy goes way back to the Egyptian ages; it became most popular in the Victorian era. Making a form and stuffing the body until it looked correct was truly an art form.

Today, taxidermists don't even have to do this because there are premade forms identical to the fish you catch, so you can just take a photo and then slip the fish back into the water. How sweet.

Yours would not have been done this way but should have a mold underneath, and then the skin is stretched over again and details added and glass eyes — if this was an older one.

As far as its collectible value, I think it would be determined by the quality of the work, the uniqueness of the item and its condition now. The market is a different one than mine, but I do know there is one.

I have done some research and it seems sharks (older ones) of your size bring in the range of $200+ to a collector. Now, finding that collector could be the tough part. So maybe you contact a couple taxidermists and see if they would know any information on who collects what and how to sell this piece. Or you can determine a price on it and put an ad out for it. It would be a great decorator piece for an ocean-front home, or for a deep sea fisherman.

Donna Welch has spent more than 20 years in the antiques and collectibles field and owns From Out Of The Woods Antique Center in Goffstown (fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com). She is an antiques appraiser, an instructor and a licensed auctioneer. To find out about your antique or collectible, send a clear photo of the object and information about it to Donna Welch, From Out Of The Woods Antique Center, 465 Mast Road, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. Or email her at footwdw@aol.com. Or drop by the shop (call first, 624-8668).

Museum (18 Highlawn Road, Warner) Thurs., April 25, at 10 a.m. Native American author Stephen W.F. Berwick will lead a storytime and craft project. Admission is free. Call 456-2600 or visit indianmuseum.org.

• **MUSIC IN MY POCKETS: FAMILY FUN IN FOLK MUSIC** at Hooksett Library (31 Mount Saint Mary's Way, Hooksett) Thurs., April 25, at 6:30 p.m. Learn singing games, stories and small instrument techniques. Call 485-6092 or visit hooksettlibrary.org.

• **OUT AND ABOUT FOR PRESCHOOLERS: WAKING UP TO SPRING, BIRD SONGS AND NESTS** at The Fells Historic Estate & Gardens (456 Route 103A, Newbury) Sat., April 27, 11 a.m.-noon. Learn about bird songs and nests and then create your own. Admission is $5. Call 763-4789 or visit thefells.org.

• **FAIRY GARDEN TEA PARTY** at the Weare Town Hall (15 Flanders Memorial Road, Weare) Sat., May 4, 1-4 p.m. for girls between the ages of 4 and 12. Come dressed up for a tea party, stories and crafts. Admission is $15 for a party of two and $5 for an additional person. Reservations required. Contact Terri by calling 529-0425 or emailing wahnowsky@comcast.net.

• **CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY** at the Londonderry Fish and Game Club (5 Lund St., Litchfield) Sun., May 5, 8 a.m.-noon. For ages 14 and younger, the pond will be stocked with fish for kids to catch. Prizes will be awarded and food and drinks will be available. Participants are asked to supply their own worms and tackle. There is no cost to participate, but registration is required and will begin at 8 a.m. Visit londonderryfishandgameclub.com.

• **PAPER CRAFT WORKSHOP** at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) Tuesdays, May 7, May 14 and May 21, at 4 p.m. Create crafts including cards, pop-up frogs and flying objects from paper. Registration is required. Call 589-4600 or visit nashualibrary.org.

• **FAMILY FUN DAY** at Nashua High School South (36 Riverside St., Nashua) Sat., May 11, 10 a.m.-4p.m., and Sat., Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Hosted by Lil' Iguana's Children's Safety Foundation, enjoy bounce houses, scavenger hunts, sports activities and more. Admission is free. Visit liliguanausa.org.

• **YOUTH THEATER AUDITION** at the Majestic Theatre (922 Elm St., Suite 315, Manchester) Sat., May 19, at 6 p.m., and Sun., May 20, at 7:30 p.m. Ages 12 to 19 are invited to audition for *Doo Wop Wed Widing Hood*, a musical that will be performed at libraries and other venues in the community. Call 669-7469 or visit majestictheatre.com.

• **AMAZING ANIMALS** at the Concord Public Library (45 Green St., Concord) Fri., June 21, at 10:30 a.m. Learn about animals that live underground, dig and burrow. Critters 'N Creatures of Merrimack will be on hand with live animals. Admission is free but tickets are required. Call 225-8670 or visit concordnh.org.

Vacation camps

• **APRIL VACATION GOLF CAMP** at Beaver Meadow Golf Course (1 Beaver Meadow Drive, Concord) runs Tues., April 23, to Fri., April 26, from noon to 5 p.m. For ages 7 to 13, cost is $175. The program is offered by the Concord Parks and Recreation Department. Call 225-8690.

• **APRIL VACATION SOCCER CAMPS** at Keach Park (7 Newton Ave., Concord) run from Mon., April 22, to Fri., April 26. Camp for ages 4 to 6, but not in first grade, runs 1-2 p.m., and

JUDGE TALKS EXTREME WEATHER



There's no doubting that New Englanders are used to dealing with some brutal weather conditions. Join WMUR meteorologist Josh Judge on Friday, April 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Massabesic Audubon Center (26 Audubon Way, Auburn), as he presents "Extreme Weather in New England." Learn about everything from intense summer heat to wild storms. Judge will also be signing copies of his book *Extreme New England Weather*. Call 668-2045 or visit nhaudubon.org.

grades 1-6 runs 8:30 a.m. to noon. Programs are offered through Concord Parks and Recreation. The preschool camp costs $71 for residents, $81 for non-residents. The elementary school camp costs $125 for residents, $135 for non-residents. Call 225-8690 or visit concordnh.gov.

• **EXPEDITION COCHECO** at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St., Dover) Tues., April 23, to Thurs., April 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For ages 4 to 8, learn a variety of scientific topics and go exploring along the Cocheco River. Cost is $120. Call 742-2002 or visit childrens-museum.org.

• **HILLCAT THEATRE VACATION CAMP** at the Young and Richardson, NH Post 59 (538 W. Main St., Hillsborough) Mon., April 22-Sat., April 27. Final performances of *Annie* will be held Fri., April 26, at 7 p.m., and Sat., April 28, at 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. For ages 6-21, SAU 34 students pay $35 and all others pay $60. Call Tom Dunn at 568-5102 or email dunn.t@comcast.net.

• **KALILY STUDIO**, 22 Huckins Road, Epsom, will offer school vacation workshops for ages 10 and up. Monday, April 22 to Friday, April 26, from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Workshops are $15 each. Register by calling 783-6065. Visit kalilystudio.com.

• **SEASIDE SAFARI DAY CAMP** at the Seacoast Science Center (570 Ocean Blvd., Rye) Mon., April 22, to Fri., April 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Camps are available for ages 3½ through fifth grade. Choose by the day or week. Daily cost is $55 and weekly cost is $275. Call 436-8043 or visit seacoastsciencecenter.org.

• **SPRING CAMP** at the Kimball Jenkins School of Art (266 N. Main St., Concord) Mon., April 22, to Fri., April 26. Study the works of famous artists and create your own artwork. Call 225-3932.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Open houses

• **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COLLEGE LOAN DEBT** at the Manchester Community College Library (1066 Front St., Manchester) Tues., April 23, at 5-7 p.m. Learn techniques on paying for college, managing debt and paying student loans. Visit mccnh.edu.

• **OPEN HOUSE** at Manchester Community College (1066 Front St., Manchester) Tues., April 23, 4-7 p.m. Meet with admissions representatives and faculty members. Drop off your application during the open house and the application fee will be waived. Call 206-8100, email manchester-admissions@ccsnh.edu or visit mccnh.edu.

• **NEW HAMPSHIRE INSTITUTE FOR THERAPEUTIC ARTS**, 153 Lowell Road, Hudson, will host an open house on Wed., April 24, 6-8 p.m. Contact Carol Peterson at 882-3022.

• **AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HISTORY AND LEGAL STUDIES OPEN HOUSE** at the American College of History and Legal Studies (1 Stiles Road, Salem) Wed., May 1, at 7 p.m. Learn about available courses and meet with students and faculty. Call Maureen Mooney at 458-5145 ext. 11 or email achls.org.

CRAFTS

Fairs/Exhibits

• **CRAFTWORKERS' GUILD SPRING FAIR** at the Kendall House (5 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford) Thurs., May 2 to Sat., May 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Meet with artisans and craftspeople and browse through a wide variety of different crafts. Visit craftworkersguild.org.

Other

• **CROCHET WITH KRISTEN** at Kalily Studio (22 Huckins Road, Epsom) Fri., April 19, at 6 p.m. All skill levels are welcome and the granny square will be taught. Call 783-6065 or visit kalilystudio.com.

• **BUILD A SAND PLAY TABLE** at Kalily Studio (22 Huckins Road, Epsom) Sat., April 20, at 10 a.m. Call 783-6065 or visit kalilystudio.com.

• **EARRINGS IN A DAY** at the League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Retail Gallery (98 Main St., Nashua) Sat., April 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For adults and teens 14 and older, use a variety of materials to create your own earrings. Cost is $70 with a $20 materials fee. Call 595-8233, email nashuarg@nhcrafts.org or visit nhcrafts.org.

• **OPEN STUDIO FOR SCRAPBOOKING** at Kalily Studio (22 Huckins Road, Epsom) Sat., April 20, until 9 p.m. Cost is $10. Call 783-6065 or visit kalilystudio.com.

• **PORCUPINE BALL WORKSHOP** at the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Meredith Retail Gallery (279 DW Highway, Meredith) Sat., April 20, 1-4 p.m. Learn how to create this traditional Polish Christmas ornament. Admission is $25 and registration is required. Call 279-7920 or visit nhcrafts.org/local-sites/meredith.

• **BEADWEAVING: DOUBLE HELIX BRACELET** at the League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Retail Gallery (98 Main St., Nashua) Sat., April 27, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For adults and teens 15 and older. Create a spiraling bracelet. Admission $35 with a materials fee of $15. Call 595-8233, email nashuarg@nhcrafts.org or visit nhcrafts.org.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

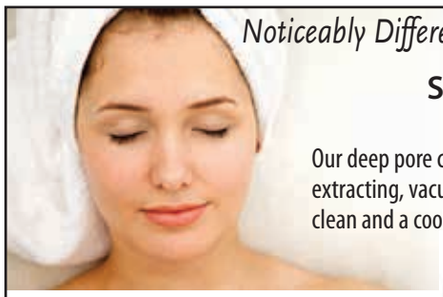
Workshops, seminars & events

• **COOKING WITH HERBS AND SPICES** at Barnes and Noble (125 S. Broadway, Salem) Thurs., April 18, at 7 p.m. Learn about how you can infuse the herbs and spices that you grow into your cooking. Call 898-1930 or visit bn.com.

• **DISCUSSION ON BRAIN INJURY IN THE MILITARY** at the Nashua Public Library (2

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It's prom night

Tacky dresses and awkward photos for a good cause

By Cory Francer
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Four years ago, Jane Acquino never would have agreed to walk a runway as part of a fashion show, speak in front of a large crowd or join in with a group of other women wearing old prom dresses.

Acquino said she used to be shy, but in February of 2009, the year she was diagnosed with breast cancer, that all began to change. She went through chemotherapy and radiation and said that a combination of early detection and the top-notch care she received at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua saved her life. Later that same year, Acquino was cancer free.

Since then, Acquino said it has been her calling to take every opportunity to give back to the hospital she spent much of that year in. With every event, every fundraiser and every opportunity to become a mentor to another woman being treated for breast cancer, Acquino has tried to volunteer any way she can.

"It's good for others to see people like me who have gone through it and still have a positive outlook and that I didn't let it get me down," Acquino said. "Before I had cancer, I was really shy and would not even consider doing things like this."

Last year, Acquino was the guest speaker at the Nashua Mom Prom. The fund raising event for the St. Joseph Hospital Breast Care Center is in its third year and serves as a night out for all women (not just moms) to either dig up an old prom dress or find a new one, and spend an evening, dancing, singing and posing for pictures.

Though the Nashua prom has grown each year, with 230 attendees and $13,000 raised in 2012, the idea is not native to New Hampshire. The first Mom Prom was held in Canton, Mich., in 2006 and has since spread to 41 cities nationwide. Acquino said having an opportunity like this for survivors, patients and their friends and family to meet in a social setting can be reassuring.

Once a cancer diagnosis hits, she said, an endless number of questions immediately come to mind. Having a peer who knows the twists, turns and challenges of cancer can be a comfort and a resource, especially for questions that might be uncomfortable to ask a doctor.

"By meeting somebody at an event and taking down their name, you have a buddy that can take you through it all," Acquino said. "That's how it started with me. I was at the American Cancer Society survivor's brunch and met someone who was six months ahead of me in treatment, and we're still friends."

Prom committee member Lindsay Kaled said once the prom begins, it won't follow a particularly tight schedule. It will open with a speech about the importance of the cause and from there the music, dancing, raffles and photo shoots will begin. While there will be a crown awarded to a prom queen, Kaled said this year there will also be a prize for the tackiest dress.

Committee member Kristen Rioux said it's inspirational to see so many patients and survivors come together for the cause. She said because of how common the disease is, it makes helping in the fight against it, that much more important.

"You can't look anywhere nowadays without seeing or knowing someone who has been touched by breast cancer," Rioux said. "We all have someone in our lives who has undergone treatment or is a survivor."



The 2012 Nashua Mom Prom Committee at the 2012 prom. Courtesy photo.

Mom Prom

When: Saturday, April 20, 7 to 11:30 p.m.
Where: Alpine Grove Banquet Facility, 19 S. Depot Road, Hollis
Tickets: $50 to benefit the St. Joseph Hospital Breast Care Center
Contact: Visit mompromnashua.org

Court St., Nashua) Thurs., April 18, at 7 p.m. The panel will discuss the impact brain injuries have on troops and their families. Call 589-4610 or visit nashualibrary.org.

• **PREPARE FOR SURGERY, HEAL FASTER WORKSHOP** at Nia NH and Yoga (110 Route 101A, Amherst) Fri., April 19, 7-8:30 p.m. Peggy Huddleston will lead the program, discussing ways to reduce anxiety before surgery and how to feel relaxed. Admission is free. Call 781-538-5466 or visit healfaster.com.

• **HEALTH FAIR** at the William B. Cashin Senior Center (151 Douglas St., Manchester) Mon., April 22, from 10 a.m.-noon. Meet with vendors and take part in giveaways, raffles and health screenings. Admission is free. Call 665-9800.

• **DIGESTION AND PROBIOTICS** at the Concord City Council Chambers (37 Green St., Concord) Tues., April 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Learn about the importance of digestive health. Admission is free. To register, call 225-6840 or visit concordfoodcoop.coop/classes.php.

• **KIDZ LOVE REIKI ~ HERE'S WHY** at the Holistic Self Care Center (12 Murphy Drive, Nashua) Wed., April 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Learn how kids can benefit from Reiki and how they can use it themselves. Admission is free. Call 883-1490, email info@thehsccenter.com or visit thehsccenter.com.

• **CANCER AND STRESS: WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?** at the Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord) Thurs., April 25, 7-8:30 p.m. Dr. Barbara L. Andersen, a professor and researcher at The Ohio State University, will discuss the links between cancer and stress. Admission is free and registration is not required. Call 227-7000, ext. 6937, or email pcccinfo@crhc.org.

• **WORLD TAI CHI & QIGONG DAY** at the Center for Health Promotion (49 S. Main St., Suite 200, Concord) Sat., April 27, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Participate in a free tai chi session and learn about the benefits of a tai chi practice. Registration is required. Call 230-7300 or visit concordhospital.org/offerings/coursereg.php.

• **TAKING YOUR MEDITATION TO THE NEXT LEVEL** at Aryaloka Buddhist Center (14 Heartwood Circle, Newmarket) Wednesdays, May 1 to June 5, 7-9 p.m. Learn a variety of techniques on improving a current meditation practice. Cost is on a sliding scale of $90, $75 or $60. Call 659-5456, email info@aryaloka.org or visit aryaloka.org.

• **LOVING-KINDNESS ON THE CUSHION AND ON THE MAT** at Aryaloka Buddhist Center (14 Heartwood Circle, Newmarket) Fri., May 3, at 7 p.m., to Sun., May 5, at 3 p.m. Yoga and meditation retreat that will be adjusted to meet the individual's current level. Cost is on a sliding scale of $225, $185 or $145. Call 659-5456, email info@aryaloka.org or visit aryaloka.org.

GRAB YOUR NEON SNEAKS



Big hair, neon clothes, and music with all sorts of synthesizers. Celebrate the 1980s with the Totally Awesome '80s run, a 5K through downtown Manchester, scheduled for Sunday, April 21, at 11 a.m. Dress up in your '80s gear and meet at the Radisson Hotel (700 Elm St., Manchester). Prizes will be awarded for top finishers and for the best dressed runners. Registration is $35 and will benefit CASA of New Hampshire. Visit gooddayforarun.com. Pictured: Runners at the Totally Awesome '80s Run. Courtesy photo.

• **GROUP FITNESS EXPO** at the YMCA Allard Center (116 Goffstown Back Road, Goffstown) Sun., May 5, 8 a.m.-noon. A variety of group exercise classes will be offered throughout the morning and child care will be available for an additional fee. Costs are $10 for facility members, $20 for facility member families and $20 for community members.Visit yogm.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

Fundraisers/auctions

• **SPRING INTO STYLE** at the Derryfield Country Club (625 N. Mammoth Road, Manchester) Thurs., April 18, 6-9 p.m. The event will feature consultations in fashion, fitness, makeup and more. Tickets are $10 and proceeds will benefit Angie's Shelter, a safe home for women facing violence, substance abuse or other situations. Visit gmnbr.org/index.php?page_id=MTg5.

• **EARTH DAY BARN SALE** at Maple Hill Farm (117 Ridge Road, Hollis) Sat., April 20, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 465-7787 or visit beaverbrook.org.

• **MOM PROM 2013** at Alpine Grove Banquet Facility (19 S. Depot Road, Hollis) Sat., April 20, 7-11:30 p.m. Wear a prom dress and take part in dancing, silent auctions and other prom activities. Proceeds benefit the St. Joseph Hospital Breast Care Center. All women are invited to attend, not just moms. Admission is $50. Visit mompromnashua.org.

• **POETRY WALK FUNDRAISER** at the Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm (58 Cleveland Hill Road, Tamworth) Tues., April 23, 5-6:30 p.m. Walk along the museum's landscape to experience poet Richard Posner's "The Tamworth Path of History." Call 323-7591 or visit remickmuseum.org.

• **GREENLAND CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE** at the Community Congregational Church of Greenland Parish House (42 Post Road, Greenland) Thurs., April 25, 6-8 p.m., Fri., April 26, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sat., April 27, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Items will include clothing, household items, books, toys and more. Call 436-8336, email greenlanducc@myfairpoint.net or visit communitychurchofgreenland.org.

• **AN EVENING OF COMEDY AND GAMES OF CHANCE** at the White Birch Function Hall (222 Central St., Hudson) Sat., April 27, 6:30-midnight. The evening will feature comedians and casino games and will benefit Camp Pride. Cost is $35. Call 883-8565, 320-3614, 204-7251 or email camppride@yahoo.com.

• **YARD SALE** at the Alpine Club (175 Putnam St., Manchester) Sat., April 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Table rental is $25. Contact Donna at 300-8550.

• **MEALS ON WHEELS GALA BENEFIT** at the Radisson Hotel (700 Elm St., Manchester) Sat., May 4, 6-11 p.m. This year's theme is Run for the Roses and the event will feature live music, dinner and dancing. Tickets are $60 afterward. Call 424-9967, email Meals@SJCSinc.org or

PARTY VEGAN-STYLE



Celebrate veganism at the first ever New Hampshire VegFest. Susty's Vegan Cafe and Manchester Community College will host the festival at the college (1066 Front St., Manchester) Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring vegan and vegetarian cookbooks for a book swap and take part in discussions on vegan health and vegan farming. There will also be yoga and meditation workshops (bring your own mat), food samples and live music. Kids' activities will include planting kale seeds and meeting with rescued animals from local humane societies. Admission is free. Visit facebook.com/NhVegFest.

visit mealsonwheelsnh.org.

• **KITTY ANGELS FUNDRAISER** at Treasures Antiques, Collectables & MORE! (106 Ponemah Road, Amherst) Sat., May 4 and Sun., May 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature a yard sale, crafts, artisans, games and more. Proceeds benefit Kitty Angels, a volunteer no-kill cat shelter. Call 672-2535 or visit treasuresnh.com.

• **STYLES AND SMILES FASHION SHOW** at Windham High School (64 London Bridge Road, Windham) Sat., May 4, at 6:30 p.m. Models will be students, staff and community members and will wear locally made and homemade fashion. Proceeds benefit the Avon Breast Cancer Foundation. Tickets are $10 each or $15 per pair.

• **EVENING OF COMPASSION** at LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101, Amherst) Thurs., May 9, at 5:30 p.m. The benefit event for the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire will start with a cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by a wine tasting dinner. Tickets are $85 per person. Visit rescueleague.org.

• **COMMUNITY EXPO** at Alvirne High School (200 Derry Road, Hudson) Tues., May 14, 4-7 p.m. Meet with the school's activity groups and with local businesses. Admission is free. Call 889-4731 or visit hudsonchamber.com.

• **WEARE TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE** is Sat., June 1, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Residents throughout Weare will be hosting yard sales. Call 529-7253.

• **RELAY FOR LIFE OF GREATER MANCHESTER** at Livingston Park (300 DW Highway, Manchester) Fri., June 14 and Sat., June 15. All night fundraising activity to benefit the American Cancer Society. Call 471-4113 or email Manchester_relay@cancer.org.

• **WEEKLY OPEN AIR MARKETS** at Freight House Consignment (27 Huckins Road, Epsom) 8 a.m.-3 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday. Call 545-9718.

Expos/festivals/fairs

• **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION** at the Sandown Public Library (305 Main St., Sandown) Sat., April 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Sandown Garden Club will be on hand to distribute seed packets to families. Visit sandowngardenclub.org.

• **NH VEGFEST** at Manchester Community College (1066 Front St., Manchester) Sat., April 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Celebrate veganism with food, crafts, music kids' activities and more. Bring your own yoga mat to take part in a yoga demonstration. Email Kathy at kathyvegan@gmail.com.

• **TECH FAIR** at the Rye Public Library (581 Washington Road, Rye) Sat., April 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Learn about the technological resources available through the library. Call 964-8401 or visit ryepubliclibrary.org.

• **MAY DAY** at the High Mowing School (222 Isaac Frye Highway, Wilton) Sat., April 27, noon-4 p.m. Celebrate with a Maypole, dancing, live music, dancing and more. The Flying Gravity Circus will perform and there will be children's activities. Visit highmowing.org.

• **CHOOSE FRANKLIN COMMUNITY DAY** at Odell Park in Franklin, Sat., May 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be a parade, laser tag, inflatables and more. Call 934-3108 or visit sau18.org/community_day.cfm.

• **SPRING INTO WARNER, JUMP INTO THE ARTS** along Main Street in Warner, Sat., May 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Local arts, crafts, music and more will be on display. There will be kids activities throughout the event. Email siw@kearsargechamber.org or visit kearsargechamber.org.

Other

• **GENDER DIVERSITY IN COMPUTING** at the UNH Pandora Mill Facility (88 N. Commercial St., Room P126, Manchester) Thurs., April 18, at 7 p.m. Panelists will discuss the importance of gender diversity in technological fields in increasing innovation. Admission is free. Visit ieee-nh.org.

• **COMMUNITY SUPPER** at Grace Episcopal Church/Merrill Park (30 Eastman St., Concord) Fri., April 19, 5-6 p.m. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for Take-A-Tote Ministry, which helps provide food for Concord children in need. Call 224-2252 or visit graceeastconcord.org.

• **RADIANCE & OPENNESS: THE HEART SUTRA RETREAT** at Aryaloka Buddhist Center (14 Heartwood Circle, Newmarket) Fri., April 19 to Wed., April 24. Learn about the Heart Sutra, a fundamental Buddhist text. The cost of the retreat is on a sliding scale of $360, $300 or $240. Call 659-5456 or visit aryaloka.org.

• **BOOK SALE** at the Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., Manchester) Sat., April 20, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Bring your own bag. A regular size grocery bag is $5. Larger bags will cost more. The sale will also include VHS tapes, DVDs, records and more. Call 624-6550 ext. 319 or email ereddy@manchesternh.gov.

• **SPRING CLEANING, ORGANIZING & DOWNSIZING YOUR HOME** at Maple Suites (30 Holiday Drive, Dover) Sat., April 20, at 10:30 a.m. Learn downsizing techniques to use in a variety of situations. Admission is free. Call 742-8820.

• **THE EARTH IS A BUDDHA** at the Portsmouth Public Library (175 Parrott Ave., Portsmouth) Sat., April 20, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day with a day of mindfulness hosted by the Buddhist Sangha at South Church. Call 531-3130 or visit acupuncturemedical.org/meditation-









INSIDE/OUTSIDE GARDENING GUY

Windowsill greens

Good food, quick and easy

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Harvesting sprouts. Photo by Henry Homeyer

I grow a lot of my own food and strive to be as self-sufficient at possible. So I store, freeze, can and dehydrate lots of garden produce each summer and fall. I hate buying produce at a store if I can grow it myself, but so far I've never been able to produce winter greens or tomatoes. Not until recently, however, when I read Peter Burke's wonderful new book, *Indoor Gardening: Seed to Salad in Seven Days*. And although I still can't produce my own tomatoes indoors, I've grown edible greens on the windowsill. It's easy.

Here's the basic plan: you can grow sprouts of peas, broccoli, radish, buckwheat, sunflower or just about anything edible without lights or special equipment. You need a source of organic seeds, some soil-less potting soil, a little compost and some kelp meal, and some shallow containers (without holes in the bottom). I used "disposable" aluminum bread pans, the kind you would use to make a loaf of zucchini bread to give away, 4 inches wide and 8 inches long. Oh yes, and a windowsill, but it need not even be terribly bright.

I followed Peter Burke's directions and soaked seeds overnight before using. A 4-inch by 8-inch container needs 2 tablespoons of large seeds like beans or sunflowers, or 2 teaspoons of small seeds like broccoli or radish. If you use the 3-by-6-inch baking tin, you need only half that amount.

Meanwhile, I measured out a gallon of soil-less potting mix into a plastic zipper bag and added 3½ cups of water. You need to do this ahead of time as the peat moss in the soil-less mix is usually very dry, and it takes time to absorb the water. Peter recommends using a juice pitcher for measuring and pouring the mix. He starts sprouts every day, so he makes up lots of bags of mix at once.

The seeds are going to be placed on the surface of the "soil," not planted in it. Their roots will go straight to the bottom of the container, so that is where the book says to place your "fertilizer" — 2 tablespoons of compost and 1 teaspoon of dried kelp (he pre-moistens it, though I didn't). Add the moistened seed starting mix on top of that, leaving half an inch or so of space near the lip of the container.

After soaking the seeds for six to 24 hours, drain them by pouring them into a kitchen sieve, and rinse. Then spoon the seeds over the soil surface and use the back of the spoon to move them around, distributing them evenly. These seeds then need four days or more to germinate and start growing. They should be in the dark for that phase. Peter Burke explains that folding a piece of newspaper so it is six layers thick and then soaking it will make a good cover to help keep out light and keep seeds lightly moist.

You need a warm, dark place to keep the containers during the next phase. I stored mine in a cool cupboard that was only 55 degrees, and they did not germinate in the 4 days that Peter suggested was to be expected. So I added some heat by putting an electric heat mat (the kind I use for starting seeds in flats) in the cupboard. That way I quickly got the temperature up to 65 degrees or more and they germinated in a couple of days. I left them in the dark for another day or two, as recommended, and the sprouts pushed the newspaper cover up and got 2 inches tall.

Then comes the fun part. I removed the newspaper and put the baking pans on the windowsill. The sprouts greened up almost immediately and started a growth spurt. Each day I marveled at this bright green food source growing on my windowsill, and gave a daily watering to keep the soil mix from drying out. Within four days they were 4 inches tall and ready for harvesting. Peter Burke explains in his book that you should harvest when sprouts are 4 to 7 inches tall and before they develop a second set of leaves, which can be bitter.

I gather that Peter Burke eats salads made entirely of sprouts, all kinds of sprouts. I mixed mine with some early spring lettuce mix from the store, and added cucumber and other standard salad ingredients. I like the flavor of the sprouts, and like watching them grow.

To learn more or to see plenty of very good color photos of the process, go to Peter Burke's website, thedailygardener.com. His book is available from him for $35 at P.O. Box 13, Calais, VT 05648.

As a grandfather and a former school teacher, I am always thinking of ways to get kids interested in growing things. Growing windowsill greens would seem to be a perfect Science Fair project, or a way to kids to like growing — and eating — healthy vegetables. And for the rest of us? It's growing good food made quick and easy.

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mindfulness.

• **HOOKSETT LIONS MODEL TRAIN SHOW** at David R. Cawley Middle School (89 Whitehall Road, Hooksett) Sun., April 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The event will feature working model trains, vendors, kids' activities, raffles and more. Admission is $4 for adults, $1 for ages 6-12 and $10 for families.

• **HOPKINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING** at the Long Memorial Building (300 Main St., Hopkinton) Sun., April 21, at 2 p.m. The event will include "Rally 'Round the Flag," a musical presentation on the Civil War. RSVP is not necessary. Call 746-3825, email nhas@tds.net or visit hopkintonhistory.org.

• **TOTAL WOMEN'S SHOWCASE** at the Radisson Hotel (11 Tara Blvd., Nashua) Tues., April 23, 12:30-8 p.m. Seminars and demonstrations will be held throughout the day. Admission is free and registration is recommended. Call 594-6421 or visit telegraphevents.com or totalwomen.eventbrite.com.

• **POOL SCHOOLS** at Seasonal Specialty Stores (120 Route 101A, Amherst) include Introduction to Pool Maintenance, Introduction to Pool Chemistry, Pool Care Lite and Easy Pool Opening. Classes are held on Wednesdays, April 24 through July 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m. All classes are free and prior registration is recommended. Call 880-8471 or seasonalstores.com.

• **INDIA -- AN EMERGING POWER** at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) Thurs., April 25, at 7 p.m. Dr. PT Vasudevan, a professor at UNH, will lead the presentation. Call 589-4610 or visit tinyurl.com/npllectures.

• **NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE** at the Gordon Nash Library (69 Main St., New Hampton) Thurs., April 25, at 7 p.m. New Hampshire Humanities Council Scholar David Stewart-Smith will discuss the Pennacook Indians of the Merrimack Valley. Visit historicalsocietiesnh.org/newhampton.

• **BEYOND OUR SHORES: A NEW LOOK AT NEW HAMPSHIRE ISLES OF SHOALS** at the Rye Public Library (581 Washington Road, Rye) Thurs., April 25, at 7 p.m. Star Island CEO Joe Watts will discuss the history of the Isles of Shoals and what they are like today. Call 964-8401 or visit ryepubliclibrary.org.

• **WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY** at the Plumbers and Steamfitters Hall (161 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett) Thurs., April 25, 5:30-8:30 p.m. The event will honor New Hampshire workers that died or were injured on the job last year. Speakers include Gov. Maggie Hassan. Call 232-4406 or email nhcosh@nhcosh.org.

• **MISS NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION** at the Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy (5 Pinkerton St., Derry) Thurs., April 25, and Fri., April 26, at 7 p.m., and Sat., April 27, at 6 p.m. Tickets to the preliminary competition are $10 and range from $20 to $50 for the finals. Call 437-9027.

• **LIVING WITH MINDFULNESS RETREAT** at the Aryaloka Buddhist Center (14 Heartwood Circle, Newmarket) Fri., April 26 to Sun., April 28. Learn about mindfulness and inner calm and clarity. Admission is on a sliding scale of $225, $185 or $145. Call 659-5456 or visit aryaloka.org.

• **DISCOVERING NEW ENGLAND STONE WALLS** at the Aaron Cutler Memorial Library (269 Charles Bancroft Highway, Litchfield) Tues., April 30, at 7 p.m. Kevin Gardner will lead the program discussing the history of stone walls in the region and what they have meant over time. Admission is free. Call 424-4044 or email acml_librarian@comcast.net.

• **SPRING POETS: BARBARA ALLEN TO BLACKBIRD** at the Amherst Town Library (14 Main St., Amherst) Tues., April 30, at 7 p.m. New Hampshire Humanities Council Scholar John Perrault will demonstrate the connection between poetry and song and will provide guitar accompaniment to poetry. Admission is free but prior registration is required. Call 673-2288, email library@amherst.lib.nh.us or visit amherst.lib.nh.us.

• **PAINTING YOUR HISTORIC HOME** at Lane Tavern (520 Sanbornton Square, Sanbornton) Sat., May 4, 1-4 p.m. John Thompson of JLT Painting in Alexandria will discuss techniques on painting and touching up older houses. Admission is $25. Register by calling Beverly at 224-2281. Visit nhpreservation.org.

• **SALVATION ARMY BLUE BONNET LUNCHEON** at the Chateau Restaurant (201 Hanover St., Manchester) Mon., May 6, at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker to be announced. Tickets are $18 and can be purchased by calling Joan at 623-2445.

• **ISRAEL'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY** at Etz Hayim Synagogue (1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry) Sun., May 5, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The event will feature a ceremony to commemorate Israeli independence, followed by a walk that signifies Israel's geography. The event will close with Israeli food, dancing and other activities. Visit walktheland65.org.

• **CIVIL WAR PROGRAM** at the Amherst Town Library (14 Main St., Amherst) Mon., May 6, at 2 p.m. Scholar Carrie Brown will discuss the technology that the Union used to help keep the nation together. Admission is free. Call 673-2288, email library@amherst.lib.nh.us or visit amherst.lib.nh.us.

• **BOSTON RED SOX GAME** through the Deerfield Parks and Recreation Department, Sun., June 9, game time TBD. The bus leaves the George B. White Building (8 Raymond Road, Deerfield) three hours before game time. The Red Sox will be playing the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Tickets are available at the White

FUN FOR THE FAMILY



It will be a day full of fun at the NH Sportsplex (68 Technology Drive, Bedford). The 17th Annual Family Fun Fair presented by Parenting New Hampshire is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will feature games, activities and live music. David Anderson will be on hand to perform magic and local kids' entertainer Steve Blunt will perform his music. Try out rock climbing and slot car racing, and jump around in a bounce house. Admission is $5 per person with a $20 family maximum. Kids 3 and younger get in free. Proceeds will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester. Visit parentingnh.com. Pictured: Rock climbing at the Family Fun Fair. Photo courtesy of Millennium Integrated Marketing.

Building or by calling 463-8811, ext. 305, or emailing parks@townofdeerfieldnh.com.

• **KITCHEN TOUR** in the North and South Mill Ponds area, Portsmouth, Sat., May 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Take a trolley tour throughout the area and explore well crafted kitchens in Portsmouth, with a focus on green homes. Tickets are $25 in advance and $27 the day of the tour. Proceeds benefit the Music Hall. Call 436-2400 or visit themusichall.org.

• **NEW YORK CITY TRIP** hosted by the Hollis Woman's Club on Sat., May 11. Leave from the Tyngsboro Park and Ride at 6 a.m., and leave New York at 7 p.m. Bus seats are $65 each. Call Susan Benz at 465-3607 or email susan.benz@gmail.com.

MUSEUMS & TOURS

Exhibits

• **DINOSAURS** at SEE Science Center (200 Bedford St., Manchester) through Sun., June 16. Check out half-scale and full-scale robotic dinosaur models and other dinosaur activities. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is $8 per person ages 3 and older. Visit seedinos.org.

• **NASHUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will display an exhibit of images featuring electric trolley cars from Nashua's history. The exhibit is located at City Hall (229 Main St., Nashua), which is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free and the exhibit will on display until the end of June.

NATURE & GARDENING

Animals/insects/plants

• **WALK & LEARN** at Beaver Brook Association (117 Ridge Road, Hollis) every Thursday through June 13, 9-11 a.m. Take a two-hour guided walk for slower-paced walkers and learn about wildflowers along the trail. Walks are not for pets or children. Admission is $45 for the series. Call 465-7787 or visit beaverbrook.org.

• **GUIDED WILDFLOWER WALKS** at Beaver Brook Association (117 Ridge Road, Hollis) on Wednesdays through May 22, 9-11 a.m. Walk throughout Beaver Brook and learn about the growing wildflowers. Admission is free. Call 465-7787 or visit beaverbrook.org.

• **BACKYARD HABITAT: LANDSCAPING FOR WILDLIFE** at the McLane Audubon Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord) Thurs., April 18, 7-8:30 p.m. Marilyn Wyzga will discuss enhancements you can make in your backyard for wildlife. Admission is free and registration is not required. Call 224-9909 or visit nhaudubon.org.

• **BEEKEEPING WORKSHOP** at 18 MacLean Road, Alstead, Saturday, April 20, 1-3:30 p.m. Learn about managing, handling and equipment for beekeeping. Registration required. Call 756-9056 or lindenap@gmail.com.

• **FAMILY EARTH DAY EXCURSION: THE MYSTERY AND MAGIC OF VERNAL POOLS** at The Fells Historic Estate & Gardens (456 Route 103A, Newbury) Sun., April 21, 1-2:30 p.m. Visit a vernal pool and see the reemergence of spring life. Non-members pay site admission. Call 763-4789, ext. 3, or visit thefells.org.

• **ARBOR DAY PROGRAM** at the Nashua Historical Society (5 Abbott St., Nashua) Sat., April 27, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be a presentation proclaiming that the black walnut tree near the property is the largest in the county and second largest in the state. Visit nashuahistoricalsociety.org.

• **FISH SEASON** at Amoskeag Fishways (6 Fletcher St., Manchester) Mon., April 29 through Sat., June 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To schedule a tour, call 626-FISH or visit amoskeagfishways.org.

• **WILD EDIBLES** at Beaver Brook Association (117 Ridge Road, Hollis) Thurs., May 2, 10 a.m.-noon. Learn about edible wild plants and learn how to make a tincture. Admission is $15. Call 465-7787 or visit beaverbrook.org.

• **WILDFLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY** at Beaver Brook Association (117 Ridge Road, Hollis) Sat., May 4, 9-11 a.m. Learn techniques to improve your nature photos. Bring your camera and user's manual if you have it. Admission is $10. Call 465-7787 to register. Visit beaverbrook.org.

• **INTRODUCTION TO BIRDING** at Brown Lane Barn (52 Brown Lane, Hollis) Fri., May 10, 7-8:30 p.m., and Sat., May 11, 7:30-10 a.m. Learn about bird-watching and then head out to the field to see what you can find. Admission is $25. Call 465-7787 or visit beaverbrook.org.

• **BIRDS AND BLOOMS** at the Cumings Conservation Center (126 South Road, Deerfield) Sat., May 11, 7-10 a.m. Hosted by Bear-Paw Natural Greenways, go for a morning walk to look for birds and spring flowers and shrubs. Admission is free. Call 463-9400, email info@bear-paw.org or visit bear-paw.org.

• **ANIMAL TRACKING (BECOMING A WILDLIFE DETECTIVE)** at Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum (18 Highlawn Road, Warner) Sat., May 18, 10 a.m.-noon. Sponsored by the Little Nature Museum, learn how to use tracks and other signs to determine what kind of animal passed through a specific location. Admission is $30 and registration is required. Call 746-6121, email info@littlenaturemuseum.org or visit littlenaturemuseum.org/calendar.html.

• **RAVEN FEEDING** at Massabesic Audubon Center (26 Audubon Way, Amherst, 668-2045, nhaudubon.org) every Sunday at 39 ▶

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Air deflectors help mileage some but aren't vital



Dear Tom and Ray:

There once was a black plastic thingamajig hanging under the front end of our Mercury Grand Marquis, right behind the front bumper. We could almost always hear it scrape against concrete parking blocks in parking lots. Recently, it was partially torn away by a parking block. Einstein, aka my husband, who knows nothing about cars except how to put gas in the tank and air in the tires, tore away the rest of it. He claims that it is not needed and that we will get better gas mileage without it. I say that the automotive engineers probably put it there for a reason and that it should be replaced. What say you? — Betty

RAY: I'm afraid old Einstein is half right, Betty. Maybe he would have come up with "e = mc + 3" or something. He's close.

TOM: What broke off is an air deflector. It's a cheap, plastic device that directs air underneath the car in order to improve mileage.

RAY: So he's wrong about getting better mileage without it (although maybe you'll get better mileage than with it hanging halfway off!). But he's right that you don't really need the thing.

TOM: A primary principle of aerodynamics is "the smoother, the better." You want to reduce air turbulence. In terms of shapes that do that, think of an airplane, or a bullet. Because when air passes over something smoothly, it creates less drag than if itinterrupted by baffles and edges.

RAY: Since there are some hard edges and odd-shaped parts under the bumper and at the front of the lower engine compartment, the manufacturer covered them up with a cheap piece of plastic, to send the air under the car instead of right into that stuff.

TOM: Does it make a big difference in your mileage? No. It's only a factor at higher speeds. But manufacturers work in fractions of a mile per gallon, knowing that they all add up. So to them, it was worth the small cost. Or maybe it was worth the cost for all the money they'll make later on replacement air deflectors!

RAY: But is it worth it to you? Probably not. Because this wind deflector is ... what's the nice way to put this? Cheap junk. And because it's in the direct line of fire of concrete parking blocks, it's very common for it to break or fall off. Lots of our customers just ask us to tear it all off rather than have to listen to it scraping along the ground.

TOM: Driving without it won't do any harm. Unless it results in Einstein's confidence swelling to the point where he attempts to repair something with electricity running through it, and hurts himself. Good luck, Betty.

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a 2000 Subaru Outback wagon. Recently, the passenger-side daytime running light and low-beam headlight stopped working. When I got out of my car to check that the headlight was out, I happened to bump the front of the headlight casing and — lo and behold! — the headlight came back on. I opened the hood and tried to see if any wires were loose, but it did not appear so, and tugging on the wires does not cause the light to go on or off. So now, whenever I start the car and the headlight isn't working, I simply get out and give the front of the headlight casing a bump — Fonzie-style — and that usually does the trick (sometimes it takes two or three whacks for it to stay on). What could be causing this, and how can I fix it? — Steve

TOM: You can fix it with a new headlight bulb, Steve.

RAY: I'm guessing the filament is cracked and is separating slightly when the bulb cools off. And somehow, when you pound on the headlight casing with your fist, you're getting the two parts of the filament to make contact again.

TOM: But eventually — probably by the time you read this, Steve — the bulb will fail permanently, and the Fonzie trick will only result in a large black-and-blue mark on your hand. Hint: The time to stop banging on it and give up is when you're putting dents in the hood.

RAY: Here's the good news, Steve: A bulb for this car costs less than 10 bucks. And you easily can change it yourself.

TOM: So, pound away as long as you want. But sometime before you actually break your hand, I'd recommend just replacing the bulb instead.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack by visiting the Car Talk website at cartalk.com.





WALK AMONG WILDFLOWERS



Get outside, learn about nature, get exercise and don't spend a dime. The Beaver Brook Association (117 Ridge Road, Hollis), will host a free guided wildflower walk on Wednesday, April 24, from 9 to 11 a.m. Rivka Schwartz will lead the walks, which will leave from a different location each week. To check on the meeting place, call 465-7787. Visit beaverbrook.org.

37 ▶ 12:30 p.m. Watch as feeders give the raven its daily meal. Free.

Gardening/farming

• **THE ULTIMATE ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARDEN** at The Spinal Corrective Center (1 Overlook Drive, Amherst) Thurs., April 18, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Chester Mandrick of Yard Spice Organics will discuss insect and weed control, vegetable planting and gardening techniques. Admission is free. Call 540-2734, email hmnhillsborough@gmail.com or visit holisticmoms.org.

• **A GARDEN FOR WILDLIFE: NATURAL LANDSCAPING FOR A BETTER BACKYARD** at the Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry) Mon., April 22, 7-8 p.m. Learn about gardening techniques that can attract wildlife or prevent it. Admission is free and registration is recommended. Call 432-6140, email sherry@derrypl.org or visit derrypl.org.

• **ITALIAN GARDENS: THEN AND NOW** at the Hooksett Library (31 Mount Saint Mary's Way, Hooksett) Wed., April 24, at 6:30 p.m. James Atkinson will present a program featuring photographs of century old Italian gardens and how they appear now. Presented by the Hooksett Library and Hooksett Garden Club. Call 485-6092 or visit hooksettlibrary.org.

• **MILFORD GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE** at the Community House Lawn (Union Street and Elm Street, Milford) Sat., May 18, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Perennials, annuals, herbs and vegetables will be on sale and there will be kids activities. Visit milfordnhgardenclub.org.

Hiking, hikes & walks

• **GUIDED TRAIL WALK** at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum (18 Highlawn Road, Warner) Sat., May 18, 1:30-3 p.m. Sponsored by the Little Nature Museum, take a trail walk to Tory Hill Meadow Wetland and Beaver Pond and learn about the importance of wetlands. Admission is free but prior registration is required. Call 746-6121, email info@littlenaturemuseum.org or visit littlenaturemuseum.org.

• **NATURE WALKS** Join NH Audubon's Nashaway Chapter for morning adventure walks at Ponemah Bog in Amherst. Bring binoculars and bug spray, and wear shoes you don't mind getting wet. Free and open to the public. The entrance to the bog is on Rhodora Drive, off Stearns Road, which runs between Boston Post Road and Route 122, just north of Route 101A in Amherst. Contact Jack Gleason at 673-3177 or jgleason10@netzero.net. Visit nhaudubon.org/sanctuary_amhe.php.

• **SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER** (23 Science Center Road, Holderness) will open its trails Wed., May 1. Trail hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and admission is $15 for adults, $12 for ages 65 and older, $10 for ages 3 to 15 and free to ages 2 and younger. Call 968-7194 or visit nhnature.org.

Outdoors

• **CLEAN UP DAY** at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (23 Science Center Road, Holderness) Sat., April 20, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Help prepare the trails and outdoor grounds and take part in a picnic at noon. To sign up, contact Carol Raymond by calling 968-7194, ext. 22, or emailing Carol.Raymond@nhnature.org.

• **PARKER RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE FIELD TRIP** hosted by the Nashaway Chapter of the Audubon Society. On Sat., April 20, meet at the Exit 7 Park and Ride in Nashua at 8 a.m., and travel to the refuge in in Newburyport, Mass. Call Richard Bielawski at 429-2537 or email rbielawski@mac.com.

• **MANCHESTER URBAN PONDS RESTORATION PROGRAM** will begin on Sat., April 20, at Black Brook and Blodget Park and continue Sat., April 27, at Stevens Pond and Stevens Pond Park. Cleanups begin at 9 a.m. Visit manchesternh.gov/urbanponds.

• **OUTDOOR SKILLS FOR LAND CONSERVATION** at the Freese Town Forest (Mount Delight Road, Deerfield) Sat., April 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Hosted by Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, learn orienteering skills and how to use a GPS. To register, call 463-9400, email info@bear-paw.org or visit bear-paw.org.

• **SPRING CLEAN UP DAY** at the Ponemah Bog Wildlife Sanctuary (Rhodora Drive, Amherst) Sat., April 27, 9 a.m.-noon. Tasks during the clean-up day may include some light lifting and trail walking. Contact Jack Gleason at 673-3177 or email westonpond10@gmail.com.

• **GPS RENTALS** every Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m., at Peabody Mill Environmental Center in Amherst. $10.

• **LONDONDERRY TRAILWAYS** nonprofit organization staffed by volunteers working to make Londonderry more accessible to pedestrians and bicycles. The group improves and maintains trail systems throughout 900+ acres of conservation land within the town of Londonderry. Visit londonderrytrails.org.

• **MANCHESTER CEDAR SWAMP** conservatory area on Hackett Hill Road in Manchester offers a 602-acre ecological preserve with established trails. Follow Hackett Hill Road to Countryside Boulevard and watch for the trailhead.

• **PRIMITIVE SKILLS WORKSHOP** the third weekend of every month at MyoFu An Dojo, 159 Savage Road, Milford, taught by a master tracker. Includes training in basic survival skills. Call 785-6440.







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Weekly Dish

Notes from the local food scene

By Ian Clark
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• **Charity bake**: The Dancing Lion (917 Elm St. in Manchester) will be holding a special sales event for charity from Wednesday, April 17, through Sunday, April 21, called "Loafing for Dollars." Master chocolatier Richard Tango-Lowy of Dancing Lion and Nomad Bakery's Cheryl Holbert will be baking artisan breads for the event. Head down to the Dancing Lion to purchase a loaf and pay whatever you can for it. All proceeds will go to the Manchester Food Bank. Call 625-4043 or go to dancinglionchocolate.com for more information.

• **New cannoli on the block:** Kimberly's Bakery-Cafe and Catering opened on Monday, April 15, at 81 Hanover St. in Manchester and will hold a grand opening celebration and ribbon-cutting on Friday, April 19, at 10 a.m. Light refreshments will be served. Kimberly's offers locally roasted coffees, breakfast sandwiches, bagels, desserts, cakes and more in addition to the catering services. Check out kimberlycaters.com or call 935-7109.

• **New brew man:** Christopher Shea is the new head brewer at the Henniker Brewing Company. Shea isn't new to New Hampshire, having previously been the head brewer at White Birch Brewing in Hooksett. Shea was an award-winning brewer at Morgan Street Brewery in St. Louis, Mo., where he and brewmaster Marc Gottfried won a gold medal at the World Beer Cup and silver at the Great American Beer Fest.

• **Down on the farm:** Brookford Farm in Canterbury will hold a CSA open house on Saturday, April 27, from 1 to 5 p.m. The event will include a walking tour of the fields, a maple tree planting ceremony and potluck dinner (bring a dish to share). There will be activities for the kids and a milking demonstration at 4 p.m. See brookfordfarm.com for more information on the event and how to join their CSA.

• **California Cabernets:** WineNot Boutique in Nashua is offering the opportunity to explore five rare cabernet sauvignon wines from California's Napa Valley on Friday, May 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. You will be able to sample three cabernets from 2007 side by side, including the Opus One, the most expensive California cabernet. The cabernets will each be paired with specially prepared dishes from Unums restaurant. The cost for the event is $75, and bottles of the cabernets will be available for 45 ▶

FOOD

Now serving dinner

Riverhouse Cafe offers twist on diner favorites

By Ian Clark
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With a menu that features dishes like the Pig Pile, the Hangover Helper and the Wicked Good BLT — or the Not as Good BLT if your standards aren't quite as high — The Riverhouse Cafe in Milford does dining a little differently.

"I don't know how we do it. We're just a big bunch of misfits," owner John Goldberg said. "We do funky stuff."

Goldberg opened the Riverhouse Cafe in September 2010, offering breakfast and lunch. In March, the Riverhouse expanded to offer dinner Wednesday through Friday from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and the dinner numbers have grown steadily over the past month.

"We don't advertise, so what we got was pretty good, and each week gets a little busier. That's a good thing," Goldberg said. "It's kind of how we did the whole thing since we started. Now, the weekends here? Forget about it. We feed more people than a good-size ship feeds on the weekends."

The Riverhouse focuses on funky and fresh. Goldberg's goal is to provide customers with something they would not find at a standard diner.

"We do little things to make everything different. It's simple food and not crazy ingredients, but we make them so they are really good and are out of the ordinary," Goldberg said. "You find things on our menu that you don't see anywhere else. We have the normal bacon and eggs and things like that, but all the sandwiches are pretty crazy with three or four items in each one. The dishes are all stacked."

Even standard fare you would find on most menus is taken to the extreme at Riverhouse Cafe. The jalapeno popper becomes a monster under Goldberg's guidance. Start with an extra large jalapeno pepper, stuff it with cheese, wrap it in bacon, cook it up and serve it with greens, corn cake and sweet pepper jelly and you've got the Riverhouse version.

Goldberg said that the signature breakfast item is the Pig Pile, a house sausage served between two hash browns and topped with two eggs, sausage gravy and fried onions.

Packed into these dishes are fresh local and organic ingredients.

"We get local stuff and we try to do some organic stuff like ketchup and produce. Our pork is from Wilton. We make our own sausage patties. We don't have any canned food," Goldberg said. "If you order a Wicked Good BLT, it's got local tomatoes, local lettuce, our house bacon and bread without preservatives. We kind of created this space where, if you're into local organic food, you can come here to eat, and if you just want to come in and get bacon and eggs for breakfast, you can."

The local angle is a big draw for Brok Griffith of Wilton, a regular at the Riverhouse who says he eats there two to three times each week.

"The food is fantastic. I also like that he works with the local farms and gets his produce and meats that way whenever possible," Griffith said. "I think at this point I've probably had everything on the menu and I always try the specials. Everything is great. My favorite is probably the grilled turkey TNT, and a close second would be the baja turkey. Those are both great sandwiches."

With breakfast locked in and the dinner nights up and running, Goldberg said that the next item on his to-do list is to update the lunch menu so that it is on par with the breakfast and dinner offerings.

Goldberg has also started to make his way out of the kitchen, turning the cooking duties over to 20-year-old Tyler Hicks so that he can stay in the dining room to interact with the customers.



Riverhouse Cafe owner John Goldberg (right) talks with regular patron Brok Griffith over lunch.

"I started out as a dishwasher and moved up to where John would let me work on the line for a few minutes and then he started teaching me how to cook. I have a passion for it," Hicks said. "I actually run the kitchen now and John gets to be out on the floor and see what's going on and make sure his customers get what they want."

Goldberg said that keeping up with what the people want is key for the Riverhouse Cafe because folks dining out have a lot of choices in the area.

"There are five breakfast places right on this oval. It's like New Hampshire's breakfast capital. If you know food, you'll know the difference," Goldberg said. "I'm just trying to get people good food the way I would eat at home if I was cooking for myself. That's what I want to give people."

The Riverhouse Cafe

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More than meat

Butcher shop finds niche with Mediterranean fare — and shows you how to make it

By Ian Clark
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At Shellie's Neighborhood Butcher Shop in Derry, the emphasis is on "neighborhood."

"We feel really blessed. We have a large and loyal customer base. It's got that neighborhood feel," said owner Michelle Pillsbury. "When people come in we chat about their family and their kids and events. We love talking to people, and we get to know them really well. We try to know our customers by name. Customer service is huge to us."

Pillsbury and her parents, Bob and Katherine Husson, took over the business (previously known as Paulie's) in September 2010.

In the time since assuming ownership, Pillsbury has found that customers want not only food and wine, but conversation as well.

"We talk to everybody. It becomes like therapy for some people," Pillsbury said. "Sometimes you just need to talk. You feel fortunate that people feel comfortable sharing with you."

Pillsbury had experience in the catering business and said that she and her parents had been looking for the opportunity to open up a family business. Bob Husson ran sandwich shops in Lowell, Mass., and Katherine Husson had been in the catering business in Massachusetts as well. Pillsbury's brother Greg is in the mix at Shellie's as the meat cutter.

Shellie's specializes in Mediterranean fare, drawing on the family's Lebanese and Armenian ancestry to offer healthy



Interior of Shellie's. Ian Clark photo.

food options, all prepared by Katherine Husson and assistant Rebecca Bell.

"That's really our niche, and it's been wonderful. On quiet days, we can outsell the Mediterranean food over the meats," Pillsbury said. "It's healthy food based on the Mediterranean diet and is more conducive to weight loss rather than a low-fat diet alone because of the mono-saturated fats. It's a great diet to follow, and people love that option, so we're happy to do it."

Pillsbury said that many people often come in and tell her that they enjoy Mediterranean food but don't know how to make it. To help in that regard, Shellie's began offering food prep classes a year ago.

Shellie's dinner workshops allow 10 to 12 people to come in after hours and build their own meals. The shop prepares all the meat, and customers add in whatever items they like to go with it. The meals also come with instructions on how to cook everything and a menu package so customers can make the dish again on their own.

"We've been really successful with dinner prep workshops," Pillsbury said. "We serve refreshments and wine. A lot of baby boomers love it and young moms love it who don't have the time to work and cook. It's been a little sensation for us, and we're very thankful."

Shellie's also offers pork pies and chicken pies, all made right there at the shop. Pillsbury said that she grew tired of ordering the pies from somewhere else and finding them loaded with ingredients whose names she couldn't pronounce.

That dedication to healthier options extends to other selections at Shellie's, including gluten-free items, grass-fed beef and free-range chicken. The mixture of items available sometimes leads to some interesting combinations.

"We're a butcher shop who caters to vegetarians, too. Some days you'll see people come up to the counter with five pounds of beef tips and grape leaves and tabouli," Pillsbury said. "It's funny, and it's a nice balance."

Shellie's offers catering services as well and also carries exotic meats such as buffalo, kangaroo, elk, emu and alligator supplied by the Healthy Buffalo in Chichester. Most of the meats and wines carried in the shop are from New Hampshire farms and wineries.

"If you don't see it, just ask. We do special orders," Pillsbury said. "Nothing is too out there."

Shellie's Neighborhood Butcher Shop

Where: 38 Crystal Ave., Derry
Contact: 505-4558, shelliesbutcher.com
Hours: Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays.

Food

Lectures/festivals/fairs

• **TASTE OF THE NATION** Share Our Strength's event in Manchester, will take place on Wed., May 1, at the Radisson, 700 Elm St. in Manchester. Tickets cost $75 for general admission, which runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Or, get a sneak peek at all the goodies with a VIP ticket, that gets you 5 p.m. admission for $100. Tickets are available at ce.strength.org/manchester. According to the website, more than 50 chefs will offer tasty bites of food that will be paired with wines from Martignetti Companies. The evening will also feature special guest Melissa d'Arabian, star of Food Network's *Ten Dollar Dinners* (and author of a companion cookbook) and the Cooking Channel's *Drop 5lbs with Good Housekeeping*. Share Our Strength raises money to fight childhood hunger, according to the website.

• **RESTAURANT WEEK NH** Running from Wed., May 17 to Wed., May 24, this event offers deals throughout the state. There are three price levels: lunches at $10 and dinners at $15, lunches at $15 and dinners at $25 and lunches at $20 and dinners at $35. A list of participating restaurants is available (listed by region with cuisine and menu information) at restaurantweeknh.com.

• **TASTE OF MILFORD** The fourth annual Taste of Milford event is scheduled for Thurs., May 30 in downtown Milford and will feature 25 restaurants and local food producers from the area. New this year, tasters are invited to vote for their favorite entree, dessert and best overall presentation by restaurants. Music by local band Groov'n and guitar wizard Doc Doherty. Tickets are $25 per person in advance and $30 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at milfordimprovementteam.org or call 249-0676. Tickets are limited and the event has sold out the last three years.

• **TASTE OF NASHUA** Save the date now for the 19th annual Taste of Downtown Nashua on Wed., June 5, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. More than 20 locations on Main and West Pearl streets will be participating in the annual celebration of eating and shopping in the Gate City, according to a press release. Like many a "Taste," the Taste of Downtown Nashua features down-

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Home sweet home

Baker finds a sweet spot in her childhood home

By Ian Clark
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Technically she moved out of her parents' house years ago, but Janie Lavoie is spending more time there than ever.

It's the kitchen that draws her there. Lavoie is the owner of J.L. Sweets, based at her parents' home in Bedford. As a Manchester resident, Lavoie was looking to start her business out of her own home but was prohibited by the Manchester Health Department, which mandates that all food preparation for items for sale must be done in a licensed commercial kitchen. So she headed back to her childhood home.

"My parents are very generous to let me be here in their house while they're at work, or I'm often here at night. It's going well. I grew up in this house, so I'm familiar with it, and we set up storage for my ingredients and supplies and packaging," Lavoie said. "We've made it work. My husband Chad and I live in Manchester but we are hoping to move soon. My parents joke, 'Didn't you get married last year?' Yes, but I'm still here."

Of course, there are perks for Lavoie's parents, Dave and Judi Rattigan.

"My dad keeps a little box of 'mistakes' that aren't quite perfect," Lavoie said. "So he always comes home from work and asks, 'Did you make any mistakes today?'"

Lavoie specializes in "sweet and savory treats" such as biscotti, crackers and shortbread as well as bakery staples like cookies, cakes and cupcakes.

"I've always enjoyed baking. I would bake as a child with my mom and my grandmother and even my friends," Lavoie said. "I never really thought it could be something I made a living at."

Lavoie started selling her baked goods at the Bedford Fields Garden Center winter market, where other bakers were already offering cookies and cupcakes. Lavoie was asked if she could go in another direction and found that the sweet and savory angle was a hit when items like crackers and biscotti sold well.

And the warm cinnamon buns didn't hurt business either.

"The cinnamon buns were a huge hit. I'd bring them in the morning, and people would get there early to get them nice and warm," Lavoie said. "That's where it took off."

Lavoie bakes black pepper and sea salt crackers, dill, garlic and poppy seed crackers, garlic pumpkin seed crackers and cinnamon graham crackers. Cinnamon bun varieties include walnut and orange marmalade.

"I try to switch it up with the seasons and the holidays and keep it new," she said. "I'm always looking at new recipes and adapting them to make them mine. I never take a recipe and make it as is. I like to put a twist on it and make it mine. I also do shortbreads dipped in chocolate, walnut shortbreads, a bourbon shortbread, lemon zest, a savory parmesan."



JLSweets2: J.L. Sweets owner Janie Lavoie shows off some fresh cinnamon buns.

Using local ingredients is important to Lavoie. Her start in local farmers' markets allowed her to get to know the community and build meaningful connections.

"I really try to put in quality ingredients. I'm really looking to work with farms to get fruits and eggs and milk and stay local and support local businesses. I'm really passionate about that, which is why I've chosen the route of farmers markets," Lavoie said. "I try to make connections at these markets and meeting people. It's a tight-knit community and everyone wants to support each other. There are people that I have met who have gone above and beyond just to be kind and who want to see me succeed. I'm very thankful for that community."

J.L. Sweets will be at the Derry Farmers Market (Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. beginning June 19), the Amherst Farmers Market (Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. beginning June 6), the Bedford Farmers Market (Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. beginning June 18) and the Dunbarton Arts on the Common festival (May 11-12, Mother's Day weekend). Trombly Gardens in Milford carries JL Sweets as well and Lavoie hopes to continue to grow.

"I didn't really plan on making it my full-time job," Lavoie said." It's just meant to be, I guess."

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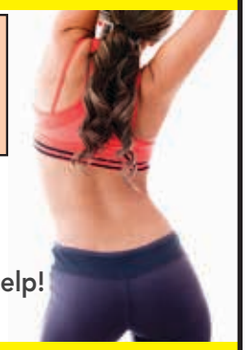
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Get glamorous

BVI hosts a cocktail party for the ladies

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Bedford Village Inn is hosting its first Glamorous Cocktail Affair May 9. Courtesy photo.

Hairstyling, a photo shoot and cocktails too?

The Bedford Village Inn is offering "A Glamorous Cocktail Affair" on Thursday, May 9, for the ladies, who can get their hair and makeup done for a photo shoot while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

"It's nice because it's right before Mother's Day, so you can take mom out and do something nice. Some of the advanced sales we've received were mother-daughter groups," said Melissa Quinn, corporate sales manager for Bedford Village Inn. "It offers a great chance for moms and daughters to come out and do something different. Rather than doing brunch or something like that, they can come and do this and change it up."

Tickets are $29 per person and advanced sales began Monday, April 15. Tickets are limited; the guest list will be capped at 150 people. The price includes the hair and makeup session, one drink from the Skinny Cocktail Bar or Sparkling Station and a personal or group photo.

There will be four featured cocktails on the night, including the "Granita" (St. Germain elder flower liqueur, tangerine juice, orange juice and prosecco) and the "Cosmoblanca" (a white cranberry juice cosmopolitan). There will also be four featured drinks made from Skinny Girl products for lower calorie options.

The hors d'oeuvres menu will include fried oysters and infused watermelon with feta crostini. Desserts will include a black currant beignet (a beignet cut in half and stuffed with goat cheese and cabernet jam), champagne sorbet and white and dark chocolate truffle lollipops.

A Glamorous Cocktail Affair

Where: Bedford Village Inn, 2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford
When: Thursday, May 9, from 5 to 9:30 p.m.
Tickets: $29 per person
Contact: 472-2001 or bedfordvillageinn.com

The event is not limited to moms and daughters, Quinn said, noting it would make a great night out for any group of ladies.

"This is the first event like this that we've done," Quinn said. "We were looking at new special events, and Nieman Marcus was interested in doing something with us, so we came up with the idea. We thought it would be nice to have a night like this for the ladies."

There will also be a raffle for items like a $150 Nieman Marcus gift card, Chanel perfume and a gift card for Bedford Village Inn and its Smitten Boutique. Anyone who purchases three items at the event will also receive a $10 gift card that can be used at the Bedford Village Inn, Smitten or the BVI Tavern. Call 472-2001 for more information.

43 ▶ town restaurants set up in retail storefronts — you get a chance to sample the food while you browse. The event also will feature sidewalk musicians, a raffle, pre-event cocktails and post-event specials at some area restaurants, the release said. Through April 30, tickets will cost $25 each; after that, tickets will cost $30 in advance, $35 on the day of the event. See downtownnashua.org for tickets (which will also be available for sale at some Nashua locations starting May 1).

• **CHOCOLATE LOVERS FANTASY CAMP** Help the Caregivers raise money by eating chocolate on Sunday, June 9 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester. Tickets are $17 in advance and $19 at the door. Sample chocolate creations from around the state. See caregivers.org for tickets.

Chef events/special meals

• **SOUTHERN FRIED DINNER THEATRE** Majestic Dinner Theatre Company presents Southern Fried Murder at The Chateau Event Center (201 Hanover St., Manchester) Fri., April 19, and Sat., April 20, at 7 p.m.; Sun., April 21, at 1:30 p.m. Audience participation in murder mystery set in Dixie with spoofs on famous Deep South characters. Dinner and show included; call 669-7469 or visit majestictheatre.net for pricing and reservations.

• **SPRINGTIME IN PARIS DINNER** Two nights by the Seine at Stages at One Washington (1 Washington St., No. 325, Dover, 842-4077) April 19 & 20 at 6:30 p.m. Call for reservations.

• **JULIA CHILD DINNER** Tributes to the culinary legend on two nights at Stages at One Washington (1 Washington St., No. 325, Dover, 842-4077) May 3 & 4 at 6:30 p.m. Call for reservations.

• **KITCHEN TOUR PORTSMOUTH** Get some ideas for your dream kitchen at the Music Hall's annual Kitchen Tour in Portsmouth on Sat., May 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tour homes in Portsmouth's Mill Pond areas with modern, historic and green kitchens. A trolley will loop the tour route and a guidebook will provide details about each kitch-

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purchase as well. The wines are: Ladera Cabernet Sauvignon (2007, Lone Canyon Vineyard, $85.99), Bell Cabernet Sauvignon (2009, $57.99), Heitz Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon (2007, Trailside Vineyard, $67.99), Heitz Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon (2001, $90.00) and the Opus One Cabernet Sauvignon ($600). For reservations call 204-5569 or email winenotboutique@yahoo.com.

• **April vacation baking:** Sophistikates in Windham will offer two classes for kids during April vacation as well as one to learn how to make treats for your dog. The "Sophistikids" classes are for Jell-o cookies on Monday, April 22 (ages 4 to 6 is noon to 1 p.m., ages 7 to 9 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and ages 10 and up from 3 to 4 p.m.) and brownie popsicles on April 26 (same ages and time frames as the Jell-o cookies class). Registration for the kids' classes is required and the cost is $30. Space is limited. And if you want to learn to make tasty treats for your dog, the "rewards biscuits" class will be held April 24 from noon to 1 p.m. and is open to all ages. Registration is required and tuition is $18.

• **You don't know jack:** Creative Chef Kitchens (35 Manchester Road in Derry) is offering a class on the little-known jackfruit on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to noon. Try some jackfruit salad, spiced seeds, jackfruit trifle and jackfruit sliders. The class includes jackfruit jam and cans of jackfruit in brine and syrup with recipe to bring home. Cost is $80 and you can find more information at sweetneemtastingtable.com or call 877-947-9338 to reserve a spot.

• **Wine, meet beer:** LaBelle Winery and Event Center in Amherst (345 Route 101) will hold a beer and wine pairing seminar on Thursday, April 25, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. The event will feature four small food samples paired with both a beer and a wine. The winemaker and brewer will both be there to answer questions. Registration is required and the cost is $40. Call 672-9898 or check labellewinerynh.com.

• **Get inspired**: Napa East Wine Lounge and Shop in Nashua (12 Murphy Drive) will host an "Inspired Wine Dinner" on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. The event will feature Kathy Benziger (live on Skype) of Benziger Family Winery in Glen Ellen, Calif. Cost is $70 per person and reservations can be made by calling 595-9463.

WINE AUCTION



The Palace Theatre will host its sixth annual wine tasting and auction Thursday, May 30, at 5:30 p.m. on Hanover Street in downtown Manchester under the "big white tent." There will be a silent auction and the opportunity to sample wines from 12 select wine vendors as well as hors d'oeuvres from more than a dozen local restaurants and caterers. Tickets are available through the Palace Theatre box office or at 668-5588. Ticket donation is $35 in advance or $40 at the door, space permitting. Attendees will also be entered to win a trip to the Verandah Resort and Spa in Antigua. The winner will be announced during the live auction following the wine tasting.

en as well as information about the artisans, craftsmen, designers and architects involved in creating the kitchens. Tickets cost $25 in advance; $27 on the day of the event. Call 436-2400 or go to www.themusichall.org.

• **MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH** at Stages at One Washington (1 Washington St., No. 325, Dover, 842-4077) May 12 at 11:30 a.m. Call for reservations.

• **EUROPEAN CELLARS WINE DINNER** On Thurs., June 20, the Bedford Village Inn (2 Olde Bedford Way in Bedford, 472-2001, www.bedfordvillageinn.com) will hold a wine dinner with wine distributor Eric Solomon of European Cellars. Hors d'oeuvres and wine start at 6 p.m.; a five-course dinner with wine pairing starts at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is $85 per person.

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• **FROM OUR TAVOLA TO YOURS** is held on the first Monday of every month at Lucia's Tavola, 181 Route 13, Brookline, 429-9134, luciastavola.com. The event begins at 5 p.m. with a wine and cocktail tasting reception. At 6 p.m., Chef Mark DiCicco will prepare a four-course meal in front of the diners. Dinner costs $35; reservations recommended.

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Steve Thompson of XO on Elm (827 Elm St., Manchester, 560-7998) got his start in the food industry 20 years ago at Blake's on DW Highway and has worked in kitchens all over Manchester. Most recently, he worked at 900 Degrees before leaving to become executive chef at XO. Thompson said that working with XO owners Rosa Paolini and Matt Mailloux gives him the freedom to experiment with the menu in an effort to make XO on Elm the must-go destination downtown with something for all tastes. "We cater to everybody, vegans, vegetarians, gluten-free. If you're not doing that now in a restaurant, you're blowing it. If I don't have it on the menu, I'll make it happen," Thompson said.

What is your must-have kitchen item?

Everybody is going to say knife, but I'm going to say my immersion mixer. We love doing purees, coolies. … It's indispensable. We call it a boat motor; it looks like something you could put it on the back of your boat.

What would you choose for a last meal?

Probably the braised lamb shank on our menu. My ex-wife was Greek, and they ate a lot of lamb. As a non-Greek it was an honor to be able to make it for them. They did eventually admit it was better than any lamb they had ever had before.

Favorite restaurant besides your own?

Piccola [also on Elm Street in Manchester]. They have this dish over there called eggplant de la nona. It's got really fresh ricotta done almost eggplant parmesan-style but stuffed inside. And the sauce is so good. Hands-down my favorite dish over there. It's really good.



Gingered Lobster Scampi from XO on Elm. Courtesy.

What celebrity would you like to see come to the restaurant?

Mario Batali. He's a major influence, super-talented, really knowledgeable and very active in the food community. He's always doing something.

What's the best or biggest food trend right now in New Hampshire?

I'd say gluten-free. We were leaning toward getting all of our items gluten-free. We really don't need to use flour anymore. Our main sauce as far as a brown sauce takes me 75 hours to make. It thickens naturally just by reducing.

What's your favorite meal to cook at home?

I don't cook a lot at home. When I get home, the last thing I want to do is cook at that point. I'd say a croque madame. It's basically a glorified grilled cheese with ham and egg and a little sauce and you dip it.

What is your favorite dish at XO?

It's going to be the Cioppino. It's an Andalusian fish stew that's made with smoked Andouille that we get from North Country Smokehouse [in Claremont]. We make a tomato leek broth out of that, and you build the whole dish with all this plump seafood right in front of you. Calamari and mussels and scalloped shrimp and lobster.

XO ON ELM'S GINGERED LOBSTER SCAMPI

1/4 cup shiitake mushroom, stems removed and sliced thinly
2 scallions, chiffonade (shaved to ribbons)
1/4 teaspoon fresh ginger, crushed to a paste with kosher salt
1/2 teaspoons fresh garlic, crushed with the ginger
1/4 cup shallot minced
2 tablespoons whole butter
1/3 cup good white wine
2 ounces chicken stock
1 ounce hoisin plum sauce (available at Asian markets)
2 Maine lobster tails, cleaned and split
6-8 ounces fresh pappardelle, cooked al dente
Salt and pepper to taste

Melt the butter over medium/high heat and saute the mushrooms and shallots together until they are broken down a little. Stir in garlic/ginger mixture and sweat for 30 seconds. Add the wine and stock. Bring to a simmer. Lower heat to medium/low and add additional ingredients to heat through. Serve together or deconstructed as in the photo.



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FOOD PERISHABLES

Salmon



I love salmon. In my humble opinion, salmon out-fishes all other fish. It's delicious, perfect for grilling and can be varied easily with seasoning or marinade. It's full of good fats and omega 3s and is thought to be great for one's skin. Yet, there's a downside to salmon. Actually, there are a couple of them if you don't understand your choices.

Most salmon found in the U.S. is farm-raised. At first glance, "farm-raised" doesn't sound so bad. However, Jane Houlihan, senior vice president for research of the Environmental Working Group, told cnn.com that farmed salmon is "grown in dense-packed pens near ocean shores, fed fish meal that can be polluted with toxic PCB chemicals, awash in excrement flushed out to sea and infused with antibiotics to combat unsanitary conditions." Farmed salmon have high levels of these man-made toxins that can't be good for the human body. Certainly the intake of these chemicals cancels out any nutritional value that salmon once contained.

In addition to containing chemicals, farm-raised salmon are tough on the environment. According to the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch, a program that educates consumers about their seafood choices, places raised salmon in the "avoid" category for its environmental impact. In addition to agreeing with the EWP's assessment of its health risk, Seafood Watch notes that waste from the pens in which salmon are raised can creep into the ocean, polluting area waters. The parasites these farm-raised fish have (fish I've heard called "Frankenfish") can also make their way into the surrounding fish populations. All in all, farm-raised salmon has a bad reputation for a reason. It only takes some searching to find wild caught salmon (which is a much better choice). Trader Joe's, for example, sells a variety of wild-caught salmon and it's possible your local fish market does, too.

Salmon is awesome, it really is. But don't settle for farm-raised. Instead, search for the good stuff and then get grilling! Use Seafood Watch as a resource for what to avoid (there's even an iPhone app). Be an educated fish eater and you'll reap the benefits of these tasty sea creatures even more.

Below, find my extremely simple instructions on grilling salmon using my favorite seasoning. It's so easy, you'll find it becomes a weekly meal for your family. — *Allison Willson Dudas*

Perfect Grilled Salmon

Salmon steaks or fillets (fillets are easier to find but steaks are better for grilling)
Olive oil for spraying or drizzling
Lemon wedges for seasoning
Zatarains Creole seasoning

Start your grill, setting the temperature to medium. Spray or lightly coat both sides of the salmon with olive oil, which adds taste and decreases grill stickiness. I'd also recommend grilling the salmon over aluminum foil for less mess and no chance of leaving part of your fish on the grill.

Season your salmon with Zatarain's Creole seasoning, to your tastes.

Place salmon on aluminum foil on the grill, turning steaks (six to eight minutes each side) or, if you have fillets, just keep the flesh side up and skin side down (10-15 minutes). When the fish starts to ooze its white fat, it's done!

Garnish (and season) with a lemon wedge.

47 ▶ 5 to 9 p.m. The menu features tapas-style appetizers of hummus, pita chips, marinated almonds, garlicky cheese, olives, a choice of soup (typically chicken lemon or lentil Swiss chard) and tabbouleh or fatoosh. Four entrees — lamb, beef, chicken and vegetarian, all served with a starch and roasted vegetables — are offered each Friday. Guests are served espresso, baklava and fruit for dessert. The dinner costs $23.95 per person and reservations are recommended. Guests may bring their own wine at no additional charge.

\Food classes/workshops

• **VEGAN ITALIAN COOKING** Learn to make classic Italian dishes without animal products at the Pines Community Center in Northfield Thursday, April 25 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Teh featured course is antipasto with red wine vinaigrette, Italian "sausage" with peppers and onions, eggplant manicotti with cashew cheese and tomato sauce, steamed kale with garlic and olive oil, canolli and herbal tea. Cost is $30. Call 729-0248 or email louisa@metrocast.net.

• **CAKE CAMP** The Culinary Playground, 16 Manning St. Suite 105 in Derry, 781-883-7982, www.culinary-playground.com, is offering April vacation camp Tues., April 23 through Thurs., April 25, 9 a.m. to noon for either segment. Kids ages 8 to teen will learn to make cakes and frostings (include fondant) and learn how to decorate, according to a press release. The cost is $160; go online to register.

• **LUNCH & LEARN** The Concord Food Co-op (24 South Main St. in Concord, 225-6840, www.concordfoodcoop.coop) holds "Lunch & Learn at the Co-op" some Thursdays from 12:15 to 1 p.m. The programs are limited to eight students; call to register. Upcoming topics: whole food vitamins on April 25.

• **HEALTHY EATING** The Concord Food Co-op (24 South Main St. in Concord, 225-6840, www.concordfoodcoop.coop) has a series of events on the schedule to help you eat and/or cook healthier. On Tues., April 23, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., it's "Digestion and Probiotics" with Dr. Jacqueline Rho, N.D., at the Concord City Council Chambers, 37 Green St. in Concord. Learn how to maintain good digestive health and the role probiotics can play in your health, according to a press release. On Tues., Aug. 20, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., it's "Reintroducing

Canned ravioli

When I was younger, I used to beg and plead with my mom at the store to buy the canned pastas like Chef Boyardee Spaghettios and ravioli. When she said no, I usually snuck a can into the bottom of the shopping cart, and by the time we checked out, my mom was too busy triple-checking her shopping list to pay attention to the rogue can of ravioli.

Once home, I would attempt to make myself lunch but instead would make a mess and ultimately end up caught in the act before the first bite made it into my mouth. Or the can would remain shoved in the back of the pantry for months, unopened, until my mom would throw it away. While I've stopped sneaking groceries into shopping carts, that doesn't prevent my husband from now buying all of the foods his mom never let them have at home — the same canned pastas.

So we reached a compromise when I found a stray can hiding behind the cereal boxes and opted for a semi-homemade lasagna recipe I discovered online at ReadySetEat. The recipe only called for a few ingredients and took about 30 minutes to make. It cut the time it takes to make lasagna from scratch in half, but still packed all of those familiar flavors. Replace meat with cheese or veggie ravioli and the dish quickly becomes vegetarian friendly.

Ravioli comes in a variety of shapes, sizes and flavors. The word ravioli likely derives from the Latin "ravolgere," meaning to wrap, which directly correlates with the way the tasty treat is made. The city of Cremona, Italy, competes for the title of birthplace of ravioli with Genoa, Italy, that traces the origin of the word ravioli back to the city's dialect and word for the pasta — "rabiole," which essentially translates to "something of little value." In Genoa, legend claims the word and subsequent dish originated from a practice of local sailors, who would wrap leftovers in thin sheets of dough to use as another meal and break up the monotony of their diets.



Instead of collecting dust in your pantry, a can of ravioli transforms into a semi-homemade lasagna. Lauren Mifsud photo.

References to the dish are found as early as the 14th century in manuscripts from Italy to England. But the serving of ravioli with tomato-based sauces didn't become popular until the 16th century, when tomatoes were introduced to Italy from the New World. Traditional Italian fillings for the pasta include ricotta, vegetables or even seafood in the coastal areas of the country.

While ravioli is scrumptious on its own, this recipe combines different styles of pasta dishes into one and makes use of an otherwise uninspiring pantry ingredient.

Each bite offers different textures and flavors, like traditional lasagna, but the ravioli add another element to the dish. The tiny pockets of meat filling provide just the right balance for the cheese and spinach combination; topped with the freshness of the tomatoes (or your favorite sauce) and this dish is a simple, delicious way to reach a flavor and ingredient compromise — just in case a rogue can of ravioli sneaks into your pantry too. — Lauren Mifsud

Ravioli Lasagna

Courtesy of ReadySetEat.com

1 cup loose cut leaf spinach
2 cans (15 ounces each) beef ravioli (or cheese or veggie)
1 can diced tomatoes, drained well
1½ teaspoons dried Italian seasoning
1 cup low-fat cottage cheese
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
1 cup shredded Italian blend cheese

Preheat oven to 375 degrees and spray an 8-inch by 8-inch glass baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Place spinach in a microwave-safe bowl and cover with plastic wrap; microwave on high for two minutes and then squeeze the spinach dry. Add the cottage cheese and black pepper to the spinach. In another microwave-safe bowl, combine ravioli, drained tomatoes and Italian seasoning; cover and microwave on high for three to four minutes or until mixture is hot. Place half of the ravioli mixture in bottom of baking dish, top with half of cottage cheese mixture and ½ cup shredded cheese. Repeat layers. Bake for 15 minutes or until cheese is hot and bubbly.

the Vegetarian Diet" with Erin Girzone, a personal trainer and nutrition consultant, at Concord City Council Chambers. Learn about the basics and benefits of a plant-based diet. On Tues., Oct. 22, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., it's "Transforming Beans into Delicious Meals" with Hilary Warner (M.P.H., R.D., L.D., a licensed/registered dietitian) at Concord City Council Chambers. Learn how to make meals and snacks with dried and canned beans. And plan now for next holiday season with "Stress-Free Holiday Eating on a Restricted Diet" with Laura Piazza, co-author of *Recipes for Repair*, on Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Concord City Council Chambers. These

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Puff pastries



I create cookies with confidence and brownies with bravado. I have been baking for as long as I can remember and am generally self-assured with new recipes.

But there is something about bakery-style pastries, with their striking flaky shells and delicate cream fillings, that has always daunted me a bit. It must, I figured, take a particular touch to create a dessert so airy, yet so rich.

Turns out I was profoundly wrong.

The key to many of these pastries is a dough called pâté a choux. This dough is the basis of cream puffs, profiteroles, éclairs, and a cheesy little bite known as a gougère. And it is surprisingly simple to make. The recipe calls for but five ingredients, all of which you probably have on hand right now, and the dough comes together in a matter of minutes.

When baked, the water in the dough turns to steam, causing the pastries to puff. The outside shell becomes crisp and golden; the interior stays soft and eggy (in a good way).

The recipe below makes about 30 smallish cream puff puffs, ready for your choice of filling. My favorites include Nutella mousse and instant vanilla pudding powder beaten with whipping cream. Filled with ice cream and maybe topped with hot fudge, they become another classic dessert, profiteroles. For a lighter option, trying filling the puffs with some sliced fruit and whipped cream for an elegant take on shortcake. Enjoy. — *Sarah Shemkus*

Cream Puff Puffs

This recipe was passed down from my grandmother.

½ cup unsalted butter
1 cup water
Pinch of salt
1 cup flour
4 eggs

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
Combine butter and water in a small saucepan and heat on stovetop until butter is fully melted and mixture is just shy of boiling. Add flour all at once and stir vigorously until ball forms in center of pan. Continue stirring over medium heat for about three minutes, until dough dries out slightly and starts forming a film on the bottom of the pan.
Transfer dough to bowl and beat with electric or stand mixer for about a minute, to cool down dough and release some steam. Add eggs one at a time, beating thoroughly after each egg.
If piping puffs, spoon dough into pastry bag fitted with tip at least half an inch wide and pipe even circles about 2 inches apart on greased or parchment covered cookie sheet. Otherwise, use a cookie scoop or two soup spoons to create puffs.
Bake until there are no beads of moisture on puffs, 35 to 40 minutes. Allow to cool completely, then cut horizontal slit in each puff for filling.
Puffs can be made, but not filled, a day ahead of time and stored in an airtight container.

classes are free but registration is required. Call or go online.

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Sequins and Schist

Surprisingly tasty spring sips

By Stefanie Phillips
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Spring is here, and I am gravitating toward white wines instead of red when I am in the supermarket wine aisle. When the weather gets warmer, my wine comes out of the fridge instead of being stored at room temperature. But I haven't given up red wine completely yet. I am really excited to share the wines I tried this week, because not only are they inexpensive and found at most supermarkets, but they surprised me by being pretty tasty as well. I have seen Sequin wines on the shelves lately and finally picked up **Sequin 2011 Pinot Grigio** from California. This wine is delicately bubbly and vibrant, "like sunshine in a glass," as the winemaker calls it. I have to agree. It has noticeable effervescence in the glass that sparkles, with notes of citrus, apples and even strawberries. It is slowly stainless-steel fermented to bring out the grape's best qualities. On the palate, it has flavors of pear, citrus and apples with a touch of sweetness. This is not a typical pinot grigio with a harsh finish. It is smooth, with a pleasant finish. In a blind taste test, I would probably guess this was a riesling because it is different from most pinot grigios I have tasted. This wine is excellent value for the money at under $15 a bottle, if you like wines on the sweeter side. The label is fun, so this could be a great wine to bring to a special event or a barbecue. Try this wine well chilled on its own or as part of a wine cocktail. Suggested pairings include prosciutto wrapped melon or soft cheeses.

The next white wine I tried this week was **Oh…Schist! 2011 Riesling** from Germany. Not only does this wine have a fun name, it is quite pleasant to drink. It comes from the Mosel region, known for its slopes covered in slate, which make ideal conditions for growing riesling grapes. This varietal needs to stay on the vine longer to achieve its true potential and is harvested by hand in October. After the grapes are harvested, the wine is cold fermented and stored in stainless steel for three weeks. The result is a slightly sweet riesling with notes of apples on the nose and flavors of apple and pear. I have seen this wine in the store before and never purchased it. I was really missing out. This wine is really good and affordable at under $15 a bottle. According to the company, "when life comes at you too fast, slow down, sit back and enjoy this delicious riseling from Mosel, Germany." This is the perfect wine to enjoy outside on the deck as the weather gets warmer, with lighter foods like fish, chicken or salad. It could even be enjoyed as a wine with brunch or at a special event, like a bridal shower. Try it now and enjoy this versatile wine into the summer months. Plus, the overall label and marketing of the wine are just plain fun.

The third wine this week was **Handcraft 2010 Pinot Noir** from California. This wine is actually made up of 76 percent pinot noir, nine percent tempranillo, 6 percent petit verdot, 6 percent sangiovese and 3 percent petite sirah. Quite a combination, but all of these grapes create a wine that is fruit-forward and smooth, just like I like my pinot noir. It is aged in French and American oak for three to six months, just long enough to develop the grapes so the wine is balanced and well-structured. This wine has aromas of cherry and strawberry. On the palate are fruit-forward flavors of cherry, dark fruit and a small hint of spice. While the winemaker calls this wine medium-bodied, there are no heavy tannins and the finish is very pleasant. The recommended pairings for this wine include pork chops, bacon and creamy potatoes. It's good on its own too, as a nice spring sipper that isn't too heavy but still has some body and depth. Like the other two wines, this wine is very affordable. I bought it on sale at my local supermarket, but even at full price it was under $15.

Drink

Beer/wine dinners

• **EUROPEAN CELLARS WINE DINNER** On Thurs., June 20, the Bedford Village Inn (2 Olde Bedford Way in Bedford, 472-2001, www.bedfordvillageinn.com) will hold a wine dinner with wine distributor Eric Solomon of European Cellars. Hors d'oeuvres and wine start at 6 p.m.; a five-course dinner with wine pairing starts at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is $85 per person.

• **COMEDY NIGHT BEER DINNERS** Wednesdays at Holy Grail Pub (64 Main St., Epping, 679-9559) with live entertainment, food, cold beer. $34 per person. See holygrailrestaurantandpub.com.

Beer/wine festivals and events

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Our second and third wines were a **2006** and **2008 Villa Antinori Toscana** ($19.99). We orginally tried the 2008 and then found a 2006 and thought it would be interesting to try the two side by side and see how they compared. The color of both bottles was very similar, both inky dark purple. For a nose, we found big difference. The 2008 was a fruity plum and cherry with cedar and a spicy cured meat. The 2006 was a more muted cherry with stronger cocoa overtones. For flavors we found the younger 2008 to be big with a good amount of tannins, some chalkiness and a smokey finish. We found none of that in the 2006. Instead, the 2006 was more mellow with few to no tannins, some sour cherry but overall little fruit and a fast finish, not unexpected in a six-plus year old wine.

Each week in "Red, White & Green," the wine-lovers taste red and white wines that sell for not too much of the green, less than $20. The goal? To find a good bottle without breaking the bank. Unless otherwise noted, the prices listed are what you'll find the bottles selling for at the New Hampshire Wine & Liquor Outlet.

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• **WINE TASTING AND AUCTION** The Palace Theatre will host the 6th annual wine tasting and auction Thurs., May 30 at 5:30 p.m. on Hanover Street in downtown Manchester. There will be a silent auction and the opportunity to sample wines from 12 select wine vendors and hors d'oeuvres from more than a dozen local restaurants and caterer. Tickets are available through the Palace Theatre box office or at 668-5588. Ticket donation is $35 in advance or $40 at the door, space permitting.

• **SOUTHERN NH BREWERS FESTIVAL** planned for Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27, at White Birch Brewing, 1339 Hooksett Road in Hooksett. For either night, $45 gets you admission to the fest from 6 to 9 p.m.; $60 gets you a VIP ticket for 5 to 9 p.m. Local brewers will offer samples of their beers. The ticket price also includes food, parking and a glass, according to the website. Designated driver tickets are available for $35. (A service charge is added to tickets purchased online.) See www.whitebirchbrewing.com.

Beer/wine tasting classes

• **WINE SOCIETY** (650 Amherst St., No. 9, in Nashua, 883-4114; winesociety.us) offers classes for wine lovers of all levels. New sessions start every few months. Call for schedule.

• **WINENOT BOUTIQUE** (170 Main St., Nashua, 204-5569, winenotboutique.com), offers six-week courses on different subjects related to wine. Sign up for all six classes or for individual sessions.

Beer/wine making classes

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Weekly/monthly tastings

• **IN THE MIX KITCHEN SERIES** at New Hampshire Liquor & Wine Outlets superstore (25 Coliseum Ave., Nashua) with local restaurants pairing meals with wine and spirits. Free, noon to 2 p.m. every Saturday.

• **VARIETAL TASTING** Monthly, first Thursdays 5-8 p.m. The Wine Studio (53 Hooksett Road, Manchester) discusses and samples five wines from different countries, regions and wineries from one grape. Visit thewinestudionh.com or call 622-9463.

• **ATTREZZI** 78 Market St., Portsmouth, 427-1667, attrezzinh.com, Fridays at 3 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

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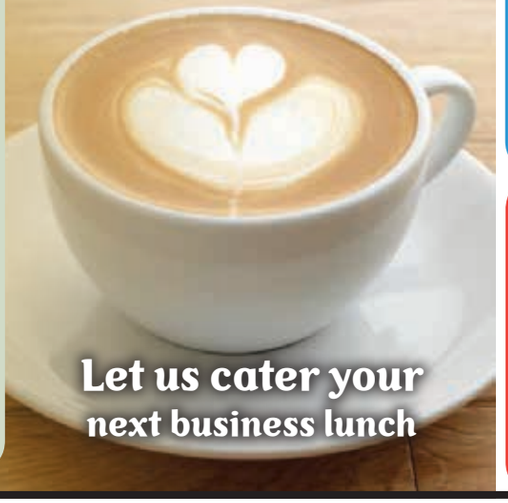
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Sevendust, *Black Out The Sun* (7Bros Records)

These guys will be at the Hampton Casino Ballroom with Lacuna Coil on Friday, April 19, which, along with the release of this new LP, provides ample reason to bring up Atlanta's Sevendust, pretty much the only band out of the late-aughts Southeast nu-metal stampede to have made much of an impact, on me at least. Nine albums in, they've perfected their formula of death-metal part into emotive Snow Patrol part, and their heavy side has only gotten heavier: "Till Death" is outright Cannibal Corpse for half of it, a step forward (or back, depending on your tastes) from their usual mid-tempo monotone doom riffage. The whiz-bang stuff comes at "Cold as War," featuring a percolated guitar sound that shows they're still mildly interested in experimenting with their genre. **A** — *Eric W. Saeger*



Kelly Sampson Griswold, *An Anthology* (Self-released)

The first tune I heard from this Derry-based Christian-folkie was "Dreamworld," which appears on this album here, which isn't actually an anthology, from what I can tell, but what do I know? And, furthermore, what do I know about judging Christian folkies — I mean, "Dreamworld," with its delicately chintzy Casio loops and po-faced Joan Baez-like singing made me think of the music you sometimes hear over the local cable-access channel when they're running a Powerpoint listing all the available bean suppers you can attend. Which reminds me: am I not overdue to be on some sort of local Manchvegas cable-access show? Why haven't I been asked? We can discuss it later, because meanwhile, the rest of this album isn't mawkishly zoned-out; in fact, "Eagle Song" is an acceptable meatless substitute for '80s Amy Grant in full synthpop mode (no, it doesn't rock the way "Every Heartbeat" did, but let's face it, what does, rock fans?), and "Rest Your Mind" is like Roxette, if 1980s Amy Grant doesn't look like it'd be '80s enough for you. **A** — *Eric W. Saeger*

PLAYLIST

A Seriously Abridged Compendium of Recent and Future CD Releases

• On Tuesday, droopy French hipster-emo trio **Phoenix** return with another album of non-toxic chain-restaurant songs, *Bankrupt*! This is their first LP since 2009's *Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix*, and features the single "Entertainment," an obvious radio track that sounds like what would happen if Smashing Pumpkins were trapped in the 1970s and could sing. Over the past few months they've been changing the message on their home page from "Pluviôse" to "Thermidor" to "Vendémiaire," three of the months of the French Revolutionary Calendar, because nothing says rebellion like tuneage for waiting for a table at Red Lobster, let's face it.

• Before the days he started taking every elderly nebbish rom-com role he could find in Hollywood, pompous run-down comedian **Steve Martin** was playing banjo with a joke-shop arrow through his head on *Saturday Night Live*. Now that he's just another annoying self-serving actor-brontosaurus like Tom Hanks, he's been making "hilarious" bluegrass albums full of borderline-hipster-racist "humor." This time he's got **Edie Brickell** helping him out on new album *Love Has Come For You*, and the titles look a lot more serious this time, because, what, he's accepted that he's old now, so he's not 100 percent jiggy with making joke songs sniping at Hollywood's Jewish community? What does that mean — once you reach the age of 70-whatever, you automatically sort-of cease being a worthless twit? Also, did anyone really think his song "King Tut" was funny, or was it slightly less funny than the eye-mascara he's been using ever since *Father of the Bride*? Other than all that, of course, I'm a huge fan, I'll admit it.

• High-pitched Grammy-winning *American Idol* person **Fantasia** releases her fourth LP, *Side Effects of You* next week, featuring the single "Lost to Win," a song that sounds like Eartha Kitt covering The Commodores' "Night Shift." That wouldn't bug me at all, who cares, right, but the whole concept of this record was supposed to be, she claims, reflective of "a body of work that I call 'Rock Soul,' where I'm exploring a new and refreshing sound that reflects my vocal versatility and appreciation for international appeal." What, Serbian peasants and African pygmies are big into American radio pop from the '80s? Wait, maybe they are. Maybe it's me who's crazy, and not the lady who won a fixed corporate talent competition by imitating the singing sounds of Michael Jackson when he was 9 years old.

• Walmart-Stetson cowboy-rock Blake Shelton-ripper-offer pantload-o'-dumb **Tate Stevens** won Fox TV's *The X Factor*, so he gets to release his self-titled debut album next week! One of the singles is called "Holler If You're With Me," it's idiotic, the end. — *Eric W. Saeger*

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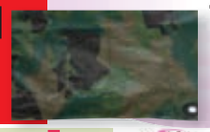
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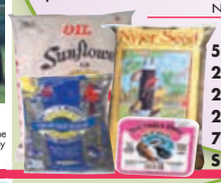
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Flynn and Lavoie team up for *Notes on a Killing*

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Kevin Flynn and Rebecca Lavoie. Courtesy photo.

Radio and TV journalist Kevin Flynn and *Word of Mouth* producer Rebecca Lavoie have worked together on numerous true-crime books, but their most recent, *Notes on a Killing*, is their favorite thus far, they said, in part because of the book's real-life New Hampshire characters.

"It's the story about a woman who, in the name of friendship, love and loyalty, tries to help out a friend and ends up in a horrible situation," Lavoie said. "I really relate to the characters in this story. As a woman, I think, we've all been in a situation where you have a friend who's been in a bad relationship."

Notes on a Killing is about the real 2005 murder of Goshen resident Edith "Pen" Meyer, who tried to save her friend, Sandy Merritt, from the dangerous relationship she was in with a married man named Kenneth Carpenter. The three knew one another from AA meetings, and Meyer had been against the relationship from the start.

The story starts with an uncharacteristic phone call from Meyer. At this point in time, Merritt had broken up with Carpenter and, at Meyer's advice, put a restraining order against him. During this call, Meyer advised Merritt to drop the restraining order and to get back together with Carpenter.

After this phone call, Meyer was never seen or heard from again.

Their book follows the gritty (but not gory) details in the case, and despite its factual nature, the book reads like a novel.

Readers see the development in characters like Merritt and Meyer from the very beginning, getting glimpses in the way they look (Meyer is described as slight, tan and striking, while Merritt is pear-shaped and mousy) and the way they act. (Meyer went "back to the earth" before it was fashionable to do so; Merritt is a quiet woman who loves animals.)

Flynn had worked on this case while at WMUR, which is part of what prompted the idea.

"There are so many details you pick up along the way that can't always make it to a radio story or magazine article. It's all those details that really bring the story to life," Flynn said. "The story itself is about a murder and the investigation and the trial, but our book is about much more than that. It brings context to all of those things."

Lavoie said that sharing the context of a murder makes a story like this even more relevant.

"In public radio, the one question you ask is, why should anyone care about this?" Lavoie said.

Flynn and Lavoie hope that the book also opens people's eyes about New Hampshire police and AA culture.

"I think it's really easy to forget the kind of work that police are doing, that they really are pursuing justice for victims," Lavoie said. "This tells the back stories of some of the cops, and how their work leads to a just ending, even though a horrible crime is committed."

Capturing these characters the right way is incredibly important, Flynn said. After all, chances are, most of them will be reading it.

"I've been telling the people we interviewed for the book, 'You had two hours with us, but we had 18 months with you.' We really try to capture that person and want them to feel like we got them, that we were able to put that out on the page," Flynn said.

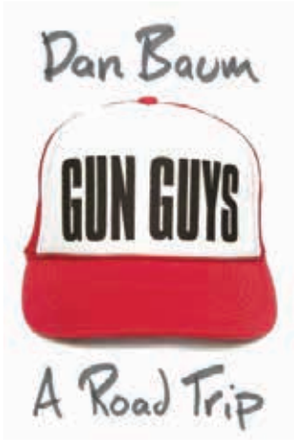
The duo said that writing together comes naturally for them.

"There is that famous fight at the beginning of every book, when we disagree about there we're going to begin, but for the most part, getting into the rhythm of the writing is easy for us," Lavoie said.

Rebecca Lavoie & Kevin Flynn

Where: Barnes & Noble, 1741 S. Willow St., Manchester
When: Saturday, April 20, from noon to 2 p.m.

***Gun Guys, A Road Trip*, by Dan Baum (Alfred A. Knopf, 277 pages)**



In his fully loaded romp through gun-loving America, Dan Baum seeks to answer a question: What is he, a northern Jewish liberal, doing on the same side of an issue as the dreaded Red Staters?

It's a question Baum never fully answers to the reader's satisfaction, but his existential road trip through gun shops and shooting ranges produced a smart and lively read. *Gun Guys* is, well, a blast, not only for those who consider the Second Amendment the most beautiful words in the Constitution, but for those who can't even fire a water pistol with precision. It's also an education for those who don't know an AR-15 from a MAC-10, and a somewhat unsettling reminder of how many people you pass on the street may be packing heat.

Baum opens with a description of his "personal Big Bang" — the moment that he, "a pudgy, overmothered cherub amid a tribe of lean savages" at summer camp, shot his first rifle, hitting 36 out of 50. "Nice shootin' Tex," Hank, the camp counselor, tells him, and from that shining second of competence streaked an obsession that's only recently abated.

From play-shooting with adolescent friends to teaching himself to hunt deer in his 30s, Baum indulged cautiously in his passion, ever mindful that guns were as popular as Rush Limbaugh in the circles in which he ran. "By the time I was a voting adult, I'd begun to perceive the gun lover in me as some kind of malevolent twin," he writes. The National Rifle Association, he says, "sometimes seemed like the armed wing of the Republican Party."

"The diatribes of the gun-rights movement often came wrapped in appeals to limit government, deport immigrants, cut taxes and elect conservatives — everything I opposed," Baum writes.

When, trying to explain the dichotomy, he ventures into this dangerously alien territory, Baum dons an NRA cap and carries a gun in a holster. But his willingness to merge ideologies stops as soon as anyone bemoans "the out-of-control crime rate," as the gun guys repeatedly do. This is wrong: Despite the horror of Newtown, Conn., and Aurora, Colo., violent crime in America is on the decline. "Depending on how you did the math, 1989 to 2010 may have seen the fastest and steepest drop in crime ever recorded in the United States," Baum writes. The national murder rate is down, as is rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Yet Baum repeatedly hears people warbling what he calls the "gun-guy liturgy" — "crime is out of control!"

He deals with it by holding up his hand, like a police officer directing traffic, and saying, "Spare me. Let's talk about guns." And therein he finds common ground.

He finds it with the 20something still living at home so he can afford his $3,500 AR-15 and his shooting-range habit; with the "gentle" anesthesiologist moonlighting as an NRA shooting instructor; with the retired beef farmer turned gun collector. For 277 pages, Baum explores the gun owners who don't make the headlines, the ones who own and carry out of fascination, even reverence, and those who believe they have the right not only to defend their homes and family but to play with the toys of their choosing.

A veteran journalist, Baum is the author of three other books and a former writer for The New Yorker and The Wall Street Journal. His narrative is flawless and persistently droll. A gunmaker near Phoenix has an accent "so Brooklynese I could practically smell the pickles;" a feral pig smells like a "musk-and-feces milkshake;" and a trio of gun guys in black hoodies look like "a band of Jawas en route to capture R2-D2." Regardless of where you stand on guns, *Gun Guys* is a pleasure to read.

Unfortunately, the pleasure goes on a little too long. The book's density may dissuade some readers; for a memoir, it seems a little too indifferent about the reader's free time. But all is forgiven by the punchy ending, and the obligatory postscript about Sandy Hook is appropriate, sober and short. Amiable, intelligent and funny, *Gun Guys* is like your favorite high-school teacher, the one who makes you laugh, all the while sneakily making you smarter. And for anyone who purports to be up on gun issues, it's required reading. **B+**

— Jennifer Graham

BOOK & LECTURE LISTINGS

Author events

• **KEVIN FLYNN AND REBECCA LAVOIE** discuss their newest book, *Notes on a Killing*, at Barnes and Noble, 1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, 668-5557, on Sat., April 20, noon-2 p.m.

• **MATTHEW DICKS** reads from *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend* at the Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter, 778-9731, waterstreetbooks.com, on Fri., April 19, at 7 p.m.

• **AUBRIE DIONNE** author of *Paradise 21* talks about her new sci-fi series, at Manchester Barnes & Noble, 1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, 668-5557, on

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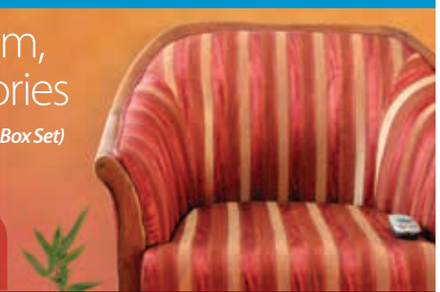


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Book Report



• **Robert Begiebing's *The Turner Erotica*:** SNHU Professor of English Emeritus Robert Begiebing will be promoting his newest work, *The Turner Erotica,* at Gibson's Bookstore, 27 S. Main St., Concord, this week, on Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. He'll also appear on Book Talk Nation on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. (The worldwide, online book discussion program is delivered at booktalknation.com, allowing visitors to ask the author questions that will be answered during the 30-minute segment). The book focuses on the artwork of J. M. W. Turner (1775-1851), the great British landscape painter and one of the most revolutionary influences on Western art since the 18th century. Turner left his work to Britain's National Gallery, which included more than 19,000 sketch studies containing considerable erotica, according to the press release. When John Ruskin, Turner's greatest supporter at the time, discovered the erotic works, he and National Gallery Keeper Ralph Wornum burned most of the material they found offensive. The book follows young American artist and narrator William James Stillman, who seeks to discover and save the few remaining studies that escaped the fire. Begiebing was prompted to write the book after a graduate course at Boston College years ago. "I've been reading Ruskin and looking at the Turners ever since: sort of absorbing their works and days like some kind of guilty pleasure," Begiebing said in a press release. Visit begiebing.com. Courtesy photo.

• **Steve Redic:** Spireside Coffee House and Open Mic features poet Steve Redic, poet and lyricist from Candia on Saturday, April 20, at 7 p.m. Redic is a regular participant at Manchester's Slam Free or Die and is a member of the Hyla Brook Poets. Doors open and open mic sign ups begin at 7 p.m. at the Dunbarton Congregational Church Vestry, 6 Stark Highway, Dunbarton. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Musicians, poets and storytellers are welcome to present. Come to tell or listen; coffee, tea, lemonade, soup and snacks available. There's a $5 suggested donation at the door.

—Kelly Sennott

Sat., April 20, 2-4 p.m.

• **ANN ROUSSEAU** talks about her book, *Portsmouth, A Love Story*, at Manchester Barnes & Noble, 1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, 668-5557, on Sun., April 21, 2-4 p.m.

• **PHILIP ACKERMAN-LEIST** presents at Colby-Sawyer College, 541 Main St., New London, on Tues., April 23, at 7 p.m., in Clements Hall at the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center, to talk about his book, *Rebuilding the Foodshed: Remapping Our Expectations for the Food We Share*. Call 526-3647. Admission free.

• **AUGUSTEN BURROUGHS** reads from and discusses *This is How: Surviving What You Think You Can't* on Wed., April 24, at 7 p.m., at RiverRun Bookstore, 142 Fleet St., Portsmouth, 431-2100. Tickets $15 and come with paperback copy of book. Call or visit augstenvisitsriverrun.eventbrite.com for tickets.

• **ERIN BOWMAN** visits Milford Toadstool Bookshop, 614 Nashua St., Milford, on Thurs., April 25, at 6 p.m., to discuss her book, *Taken*. Call 673-1734.

• **ELEANOR MORSE** will discuss and sign her bestseller *White Dog Fell from the Sky* on Sun., April 28, at 2 p.m., at MainStreet BookEnds of Warner, 16 E. Main St., Warner, 456-2700, mainstreetbookends.com.

• **JOE HILL** launches *NOS4A2* at Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter, 778-9731, waterstreetbooks.com, on Tues., April 30, at 7 p.m.

• **DEBBIE RAYMOND-PINET AND BONNIE MEROTH** share *The Growth of Truth* at Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter, 778-9731, waterstreetbooks.com, on Tues., May 7, at 7 p.m.

• **KATHERINE HALL PAGE** will discuss and sign her 20th Faith Fairchild novel, *The Body in the Piazza*, on Thurs., May 9, at 7 p.m., at Gibson's Bookstore, 27 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com, call 224-0562.

• **FRED WAITZKIN** talks about *The Dream Merchant* at Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter, 778-9731, waterstreetbooks.com, on Thurs., May 9, at 7 p.m.

• **DAN BROWN** live streaming event at the Exeter Town Hall from the Lincoln Center on Wed., May 15, at 7:30 p.m. Visit waterstreetbooks.com to purchase $10 ticket.

Lectures and discussions

• **BRAIN INJURY IN THE MILITARY** community dialogue about traumatic brain injury experienced by members of the military on Thurs., April 18, at 7 p.m. at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4610. Presentation based on the play *Make Sure It's Me* by Kate Wenner. Free.

• **ALASKA** travelogue with Dale Johnson on Wed., April 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. Free. See travelfilms.org/speakers/

• **INDIA: AN EMERGING POWER** presentation by Dr. PT Vasudevan on Thurs., April 25, at 7 p.m., at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4610. Visit tinyurl.com/npllectures or call 589-4610.

• **GREAT FIRES: CONFLAGRATIONS THAT RESHAPED NEW ENGLAND** lecture series throughout the year at the Research Library of the Portsmouth Athenaeum, 9 Market Square, Portsmouth. Reservations for each program required. Call 431-2538, ext17; Steve Achilles, asst. fire chief of Portsmouth, talks about 1870 steam fire engine Kearsarge on Sun., June 16; Stephanie Schorow will talk about the Boston fire of 1872 on Wed., Sept. 18.

Book discussions

• **THE BOOK CELLAR** in Nashua hosts a book club that meets on the first Wed. of each month, new members always welcome. The Book Cellar is at 34 Northwest Blvd., Nashua, in the Westside Plaza, 881-5570, bookcellaronline.com.

Food co-op film screening

Manchester group taking ownership of local economy

By Jeff Mucciarone
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The Manchester Food Co-op is hosting a screening of the documentary film *Fixing the Future*.

Communities nationwide aren't just waiting for the economy to turn around; they're banding together in an effort to create a better economic outlook for themselves.

Manchester Food Co-op members are looking to tap into that community spirit and ingenuity with a screening of the documentary *Fixing the Future* on Tuesday, April 30, at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Manchester. The film highlights people and organizations that are taking innovative and sustainable approaches to creating jobs and prosperity.

"It's all about businesses and business models that are a little less about creating income and more about creating community and happiness within the community, but at the same time, creating livable wages for people who work there," said Pamela Morin, marketing committee chairwoman for the co-op.

The film includes a story about an employee-owned inner city company that provides laundry service to a major hospital. The hospital was the largest employer and source of income in the city but it was outsourcing a variety of services. A group of people formed its own laundry service within the city, thus creating local jobs and keeping money local as well.

"Basically, it's trying to find opportunities like that," Morin said. "Try to find alternatives from outsourcing jobs."

Portland, Maine, has a "time exchange," at which people can exchange service time for services. For example, someone could babysit for an hour and "exchange" that for an hour of gardening advice, Morin said.

"It's just a lot of unique ideas like that that really take the whole community and pull it together," Morin said. "These are things that really ... increase the quality of life in the community."

The co-op's own approach is interwoven with the theme of the film.

"It exists and is owned by the community to benefit the community," Morin said.

The co-op, which was conceived in 2009, is still progressing. So far this month, it garnered another 48 members. The organization is nearing 700 members. Once it reaches 1,000 members, officials expect to be able to open. Morin said the expectation is to open the co-op in 2014.

Morin said she's hoping people leave the screening inspired to take on these kinds of projects. She said she thinks a lot of people might have had trouble finding work in the past few years, given the difficult economy. Morin's own specialty was small business marketing, but she's found small businesses simply cannot afford hiring full-time marketing staffers. It's caused her to refocus.

She's hoping people are starting to think about how a job or a business can "really benefit the community and the small businesses around us to make the economy even stronger."

Right in Manchester, Morin said the Manchester Acupuncture Center is already providing an example for community members and businesses. At the center, patrons pay for services on a scale, depending on what they're comfortable paying.

It's more than just the Manchester community. The co-op would create demand for local produce and fresh goods from area farmers, who would presumably make better profits by selling to a co-op rather than by selling directly to the public or grocery stores, Morin said.

So far, Morin has seen plenty of community interest in seeing the film, which was released in 2010. Morin said both local executives and business students having signed on for the screening.

The co-op is also taking part in Stonyfield Farm's Earth Day 5K on Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m. at the Stonyfield Yogurt Works, 10 Burton Drive, in Londonderry. The co-op is looking for runners to join its team.

Fixing the Future

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester, 669 Union St., Manchester
When: Tuesday, April 30, at 6 p.m.
Tickets: $7
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42 (PG-13)

Jackie Robinson withstands a storm of prejudice to help integrate professional baseball in *42*, featuring less-than-stellar storytelling about a fascinating subject.



42

The cigar-chomping, pronouncement-making Branch Rickey (Harrison Ford), grumble-voiced general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers organization, decides to integrate baseball and picks Jackie Robinson (Chadwick Boseman), a man with the right combination of talent and disposition to withstand all the senseless hate about to come his way. Robinson is sent first to Montreal to play for the Dodgers' farm team, the Royals. Then, he heads to Brooklyn to don his Dodgers shirt (and his number, 42), where he is constantly harassed by opposing teams, people in the stands and even his own team members. But his skills on the field and his affability wins fans and eventually Rookie of the Year.

This can all be hard stuff to make into a non-cornball movie here in the early 21st century. Robinson's enemies — like n-word spewing Ben Chapman (Alan Tudyk) of the Phillies or the pitcher who shouted "you don't belong here" after beaning Robinson in the head with a baseball — are such egregious dumb-asses that they don't register as real human beings. They are cartoon portraits of awfulness. Likewise, Boseman gives us a Robinson who is sort of a sports Jesus and Ford's Rickey is some odd combination of the picture in your head when you hear the phrase "fat cat" and one of those grandpa-like gruff-exterior/heart-of-gold-types. This is the kind of movie where characters remark on how "the times are changing" and other benefit-of-hindsight-sounding bits of dialogue that give the movie the feel of an educational video or perhaps a school play written by the elementary school students that are performing in it.

And yet, I'd imagine Robinson did feel like he was swimming across an ocean of egregious awfulness and the prejudice holding him back was exactly as ludicrous as it sounds some 60-plus years later. While he wasn't actually some kind of saint, Robinson did show a superhuman ability to stand-up to the waves of prejudice while fighting back only by being better on the field. So when players like Pee Wee Reese (Lucas Black), Ralph Branca (Hamish Linklater) and Eddie Stanky (Jesse Luken) stand up for Robinson, sure, it's hokey as all get out, but it's also cheesily heart-warming.

"Cheesily heart-warming" may in fact be the best way to describe this movie, which is, as a piece of story-telling, often kind of terrible (it is an excellent example of why movies should "show" not "tell" — *42* sometimes feels like all telling, no showing) but nonetheless has you cheering on its characters. Robinson is a fascinating, likeable guy and his relationship with his wife Rachel Robinson (Nicole Beharie) is sweet and romantic. I think the way to tell this movie to make it less cheeseball and more emotionally resonant and nuanced would be to do it from Robinson's point of view, instead of doing it from several steps back. Every now and then we get a glimpse of what that might feel like, such as one scene when the Robinsons arrive in the South and Rachel sees a "Whites Only" bathroom sign for the first time (she grew up in the Los Angeles area). The way Beharie and Boseman play the scene you get a sense of how weird and scary and angering it would be to see something like this in your own country. It was one of the few times when I felt like I was not watching a "The March of Time" newsreel but getting inside the life of a flesh and blood person. **B-**

Rated PG-13 for thematic elements including language. Directed by and screenplay by Brian Helgeland, 42 *is two hours and eight minutes long and distributed by Warner Bros.*

Emperor (PG-13)

Americans attempt to ensure a stable society in the early days of post-war Japan in *Emperor*, an engrossing and uneven look at 1945 Japan.

We've seen post-war Germany, *The Good German* and *The Third Man* and whatnot, a live wire of fear about the future and guilt over the past. But I haven't seen much about the same period in Japan. Here, we get General Douglas MacArthur (Tommy Lee Jones) arriving in the recently defeated Tokyo with the goals of prosecuting war criminals but also rebuilding society, because here too lurks fear about what could happen if the population rises up. General Bonner Fellers (Matthew Fox) is tasked with investigating Emperor Hirohito (Takataro Kataoka) and finding a way to keep from prosecuting him. The American public, MacArthur tells us, is calling for Hirohito's death along with Tojo and other Japanese officials held responsible for the war, the many atrocities Japan committed therein and the attack at Pearl Harbor. But MacArthur fears that prosecuting and hanging a man the country reveres as a near-deity will cause more fighting and possibly even serve as an opening for communism. Fellers job is, as the movie portrays it, to run a sort-of honest investigation but one that does its best to find a way to keep the Emperor out of the courtroom.

Meanwhile, Fellers is eager to find out what happened to Aya Shimada (Eriko Hatsune), a Japanese girl he met in college and

REVIEWLETS

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Admission **(PG-13)**
Tina Fey, Paul Rudd.
A straight-laced Princeton admissions officer is thrown off-kilter when, on a recruiting trip, she meets a principal at a school who may have information about her past. **B-**

****The Call*** **(R)**
Halle Berry, Abigail Breslin.
A 911 operator helps an abducted teenager fight back against her kidnapper. A variation on the cop-redeems-himself plot, The Call is a satisfying cheese-flavored snack. **C+**

Evil Dead **(R)**
Jane Levy, Shiloh Fernandez.
The Sam Raimi series is reborn with this remake (though, without Bruce Campbell in the lead role — he and Sam Raimi, director of the original trilogy, have producer credits here). **B-**

GI Joe: Retaliation **(PG-13)**
Dwayne Johnson, Channing Tatum.
Big loud sequel to the totally forgetable G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra, GI Joe: Retaliation makes terrible use of the normally charismatic Johnson.

The Host **(PG-13)**
Saorise Ronan, Max Irons.
Stephenie Meyer adds a new side to the classic supernatural love triangle: two men are in love with the same girl, but one likes the human being and another grows to be fond of the alien that has been implanted in her — at least that's how it went in the book. The Twilight author's "book for adults" is adapted for film. **C**

Identity Theft **(R)**
Jason Bateman, Melissa McCarthy.
Bateman must battle scam artist McCarthy to get his identity back. **C**

Jurassic Park **(PG-13)**
Sam Neill, Laura Dern.
New technology allows dinosaurs to be resurrected — and take more of your money! Speaking of dinosaurs, ready to feel old? This newly 3-D-ized movie is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Opened April 5.

Oblivion **(PG-13)**
Tom Cruise, Morgan Freeman.
Tom Cruise plays one of the last workers on a ruined Earth in this post-apocalyptic tale. Opens Friday, April 19.

Olympus Has Fallen **(R)**
Gerard Butler, Morgan Freeman.
A Secret Service agent who is, but of course, "ex special forces" is the only person left inside the White House with the ability to fight back after terrorists take it over. **C**

Oz the Great and Powerful **(PG)**
James Franco, Michelle Williams.
Plus Mila Kunis and Rachel Weisz, rounding out the trio of witches Oscar Diggs meets when he travels via hot air balloon from Kansas to the Land of Oz. Beautiful visuals, slightly-better-than-OK story and weird performance by Franco make this uneven outing a **B-.**

Scary Movie V **(PG-13)**
Ashley Tinsdale, Simon Rex.
Yes, another one. Anna Faris apparently decided no, I'm cool, and isn't in this one. Opens Friday, April 12.

Tyler Perry's Temptation **(R)**
Jurnee Smollett-Bell, Kim Kardashian.
A woman who has been with her husband for a long time finds herself drawn to Devil McEvilpants in this sexist, unsubtle bit of nonsense. **F**

sought out in Japan years later. Fellers has harbored deep blubbering-Matthew-Fox love for Aya, perhaps even to the point of tinkering with military plans in order to save her.

"War crimes" is pretty rich territory, story-telling-wise. In the *Law & Order: Pacific Theater* version of this story, we would get morally ambiguous tidbits about Hirohito and slices of Japanese society and somehow Jack McCoy would make a devil's bargain to serve justice but also bow to political realities. Which is to say we wouldn't spend forever on a half-baked love story that, like an invasive weed, starts to choke out the historically interesting stuff. The romance feels like a cheap short cut to make us care — though, about what, I'm not sure. Are we supposed to care about Fellers? It seems odd to put so much importance on this aspect of his personal life and sideline these major world events. How about just give us a man working on an extremely delicate matter at then end of a bloody war? Not to make everything about television but I can envision a pretty solid HBO series about this sort of thing, all gray area and noir-like with a rich blend of characters — guys beaten down by the war, guys with varying ambitions. Fox might not even be a bad choice for playing the central prosecutor and Jones is actually a solid choice for the showboating MacArthur. And sure, it's harder to do these kinds of things in 98 minutes but I wish the movie would have at least tried. **C**

Rated PG-13 for violent content, brief strong language and smoking (historical). Directed by Peter Webber with a screenplay by Vera Blasi and David Klass (from a book by Shiro Okamoto is an hour and 38 minutes and distributed by Lionsgate and Roadside Attractions.

CALL THE MIDWIFE



Since this week's movies are all about 20th-century history, this seems like a good time to talk about *Call the Midwife*, the BBC show aired on PBS. Even more than *Downton Abbey*, *Call the Midwife* is charmingly, idiosyncratic British. The central story follows the nurses and nuns at Nonnatus House in the East End of London during the late 1950s and is based on the memoirs of Jennifer Worth, the model for main character Jenny Lee (Jessica Raine). Jenny Lee is the John Carter (Noah Wyle's character from *ER*) of this tale. She comes to Nonnatus House in the first episode of the first season and serves as our introduction to this post-WWII world that is more modern and more recognizable than the pre-WWI world of the Crawleys in their first season. She is part of the still relatively new National Health Service, helping to provide health care for families who previously might not have had the money for it. (At least, that's how the series seems to explain it.) Particularly in the first season, several of the episodes seemed to include a a little commercial for National Health and a very pointed explanation of how the clean, organized and efficient midwives have saved the day.

The show manages an impressive balance of antique teapot-sweetness — Sister Monica Joan (Judy Parfitt) is the oldest sister and one who is (or, perhaps, chooses at times to be) both a little out of it and a little spot on, sort of a daffier take on Maggie Smith's dowager countess — and genuine emotion. Each episode features at least one childbirth or pregnancy story and not all of them have fairy-tale endings. And mixed in with the stories of, say, the shoplifting Sister Monica Joan (is she just forgetful or is she using age as an excuse to nick a few goodies?) are stories of how an unmarried teenage girl has her baby taken from her and given up for adoption. It's melodrama, sure, but well done and watchable. And it's an organically crafted show that highlights women, keeping men primarily at the fringes of the action. It's not exactly the female answer to *Mad Men*, but it is nice to see women's stories taken seriously in their own right rather than just serving as plot points in male-centered stories. Whereas the women of *Mad Men* are in some way reacting to a man's world, *Call the Midwife* is squarely in the women's world.

The third episode of the second series aired last Sunday night (there are eight episodes this season, according to Wikipedia; the first season had six episodes plus a Christmas special). You can watch the previous episodes of this season at PBS.org; the first season is available on iTunes. — *Amy Diaz*

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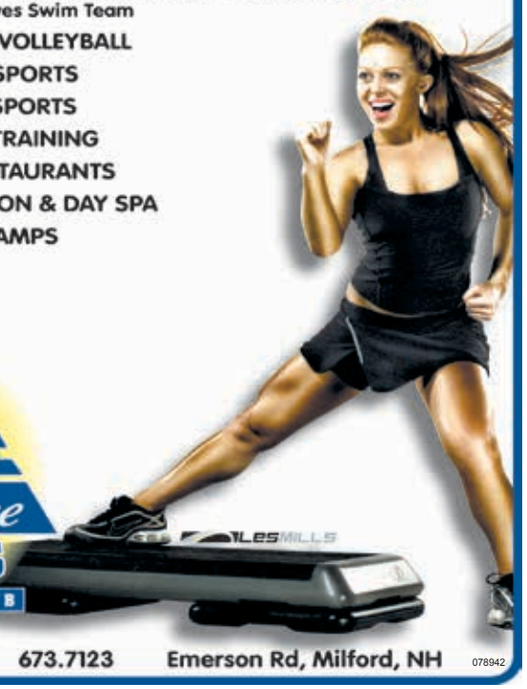
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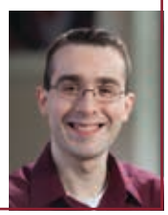
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• ***How to Survive a Plague*** (NR, 2012) Thurs., April 18, at 2:05 & 7:30 p.m.
• ***Lincoln*** (PG-13, 2012) Thurs., April 18, at 2:10 p.m.
• ***The Place Beyond the Pines*** (R, 2012) Thurs., April 18, at 2, 5:15 & 8 p.m.; Fri., April 19, through Sun., April 21, at 2, 5 & 8 p.m.; Mon., April 22, through Thurs., April 25, at 2, 5:15 & 8 p.m.
• ***The Gatekeepers*** (PG-13, 2012) Fri., April 19, at 1, 3:15, 5:30 & 7:50 p.m.; Sat., April 20, at 1, 3:15 & 5:30 p.m.; Sun., April 21, at 1, 3:15, 5:30 & 7:50 p.m.; Mon., April 22, and Tues., April 23, at 2:10 p.m.; Wed., April 24, and Thurs., April 25, at 2:10, 5:25 & 7:45 p.m.
• ***The Invisible War*** (NR, 2012) Fri., April 19, through Thurs., April 25, at 2:05, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
• ***The Evil Dead*** (NC-17, 1981) Fri., April 19, at 10 p.m.
• ***The Other Sun*** (PG-13, 2012) Sat., April 20, at 8 p.m.
• ***Samsara*** (PG-13, 2011) Mon., April 22, at 7 p.m.
• ***Girl Rising*** (PG-13, 2013) documentary, Tues., April 23, at 6:30 p.m.
• ***Sound of Music*** (G, 1965) Sun., April 28, at 4 p.m.

WILTON TOWN HALL
40 Main St. in Wilton, 654-3456, iltontownhalltheatre.com
• ***Barbara*** (PG-13, 2012) German with subtitles, Thurs., April 18, at 7:30 p.m.
• ***Spring Breakers*** (R, 2012) Thurs., April 18, at 7:30 p.m.
• ***Side Effects*** (R, 2012) Fri., April 19, through Thurs., April 25, at 7:30 p.m Plus, Sun., April 21, at 2 & 4:30 p.m.
• ***Silver Linings Playbook*** (R, 2012) Fri., April 19, through Thurs., April 25, at 7:30 p.m. Plus, Sun., April 21, at 2 & 4:30 p.m.
• ***Anatomy of a Murder*** (1959) Sat., April 20, at 4:30 p.m.
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• ***Trashed: No Place for Waste*** (2012) Fri., April 19, at 7 p.m.

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MERRIMACK PUBLIC LIBRARY
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• **Earth Day Movie** Mon., April 22, at 1:30 p.m.

THE MUSIC HALL
28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusichall.org, Some films are screened at Music Hall Loft, 131 Congress St.
• ***The Gatekeepers*** (PG-13, 2012) Wed., April 17, at 7 p.m.
• **Oscar-nominated shorts—Animated** (2012) Wed., April 24, at 7 p.m.

NEWBURYPORT SCREENING ROOM
82 State St., Newburyport, 978-462-3456, newburyportmovies.com
• ***Quartet*** (R, 2012) Thurs., April 18, through Thurs., April 25: Friday at 6:16 & 8:45 p.m.; Saturday at 3:45, 6:15 & 8:45 p.m.; Sunday at 5 & 7:30 p.m.; and Monday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

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Nite Roundup

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• **Magic bus:** As a rocker, Rob Benton draws inspiration from (and has shared stages with) Fuel, Days of the New and Misfits; he's also played in Boston active rock band Lansdowne. Benton also performs acoustically, with a pair of solo albums under his belt. Dreaming of the road, Benton recently launched a website to raise money for a tour bus. See Benton Thursday, April 18, at 9 p.m. at Fody's Tavern, 9 Clinton St. in Nashua. See facebook.com/robbentonrocks.

• **Free ink:** A three-round poetry slam featuring eight of the area's best wordsmiths precedes a musical performance by the raucous Yankee Cockfight; a duo guaranteed soundtrack work should a remake of *Deliverance* happen. The poetry slam grand prize is a $1,000 gift certificate from the tattoo parlor hosting the event, its first since opening last month. Attend Blood & Ink Slam on Friday, April 19, at 7 p.m. at Top Shelf Tattoo Parlor, 657 Elm St. in Manchester. Tickets $5; see facebook.com/topshelftattoogallery.

• **Wax attack:** The vital role of independent record stores in the community is the focus Saturday as Record Store Day welcomes vinyl-lovers with special releases like a Stooges/Black Keys flaming colored vinyl 45 and Alejandro Escovedo covering Eddy Arnold on a 78 RPM 10-inch. The old-school event begins Thursday with a free screening of the U.K. film *Last Shop Standing* at Dover's Spun. Record Store Day happens Saturday, April 20, at various locations. For a list of participating stores, go to recordstoreday.com.

• **Guitar man:** The classical work of Andres Segovia drew Ed Gerhard to the guitar while blues man Mississippi John Hurt captivated him.Gerhard's signature sound includes unique tunings and songs that, opined one critic, "only a guitar can sing." A natural player with a deft fingerstyle approach, the Michigan native has called the Granite State home since the late '70s. See Gerhard Sunday, April 21, at 7 p.m. at the Spotlight Café (Capitol Center of the Arts), 44 S. Main St., Concord. Tickets $25 at ccanh.com. See edgerhard.com.

• **Festive:** Aimee Mann closes out the four-day Portsmouth Songwriter's Festival, which includes Brooklyn's Dirty Projectors (April 19), John Prine with Sarah Jarosz and Chris Trapper (April 20) and a Seacoast Singer Songwriter Round Robin (April 21). A total of 23 performers are part of the event. See Mann and Sharon Von Etten Sunday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Music Hall, 26 Chestnut St. Ticket prices range from $53 to $60 for the concert and $165 to $270 for a four-day all-event pass.

NITE

The story of a band

Ninedays reunites for tour with stop in Granite State

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Ninedays. Courtesy photo.

Most people in a position to know agree — one hit is better than none. During the millennium's first summer, Ninedays lit up car radios and MTV with "Absolutely (Story of a Girl)," knocking Matchbox 20 from atop the Billboard chart. Alas, repeat success of that scale never happened.

But the man who wrote it has no regrets.

"It's opened up so many opportunities for me … even outside of music," said John Hampson, who still enjoys performing the catchy power pop tune, both solo and with the newly reunited Ninedays. "You can't beat playing the song you wrote and everybody in the room is singing it with you."

He's less sanguine about their label's role in the band's one hit wonder legacy. Early foot-dragging by Epic Records cost momentum.

"The record was finished for months before they even put it out," said Hampson; "Absolutely" was done two years before anyone could buy it. "It would have been a bigger song and a bridge to the band."

Their major label debut *The Madding Crowd* was released in mid-2000, as the music business grew unhinged by an explosion of Internet file sharing.

"That change had a huge impact on the way the records companies saw us," said Hampson.

Notably, Epic permanently shelved Ninedays' second album, *So Happily Unsatisfied*.

"They had kind of decided that we were just this thing that had to fulfill an obligation," said Hampson.

Having watched friends in another Long Island band, Fuzzbubble, struggle in vain for three years in to win control of an unreleased album, Ninedays chose to move on.

"I had no more in me to try to resurrect that record … it was so tainted and polluted at that point, that I had to emotionally detach from it."

Fittingly, *So Happily Unsatisfied* eventually made it to the Internet around 2005, though how that happened is a bit murky. It currently can be purchased on the Ninedays website.

The band quickly countered the hostage situation with a new album, 2003's ironically titled *Flying The Corporate Jet*. Hampson called the independent release, "a statement that had to be made after that whole nightmare, being treated like nobody cared … artists should just know if you sign with a major label, there's no way around it — you're dealing with it."

Still, the experience took a toll.

"After that we didn't do anything for a while. There were a lot of internal things that the band had to process," said Hampson, who pursued a solo career with *Shiny New Album* and last year's stellar *No Fairy Tales*, while band co-founder Brian Desveaux made *Alive Today* in 2004.

Eventually, the five members of Ninedays — Hampson, Desveaux, keyboard player Jeremy Dean, bassist Nick Dimichino and drummer Vincent Tattanelli – began hanging out again. This led to what Hampson terms "a reflective moment … I thought, 'we did this thing' - we succeeded in some ways beyond any expectation we could have had. To just let it sort of go away or die on the vine just seems wrong."

Ninedays

When: Saturday, April 27, at 8 p.m.
Where: Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road in Londonderry
Tickets: $20 at tupelohall.com

At the end of 2012, Ninedays reunited in earnest.

"Everyone had to commit to make this a priority," said Hampson. "It couldn't be done any other way."

Writing and demo recording for a future album is in full swing. After a few shakeout gigs, they're ready to tour and try out new material.

"The shows have been great - small little places, but audiences have been packed and really enthusiastic, really receptive to the new songs," said Hampson.

The show at Londonderry's Tupelo Music Hall will be the second of a short six-day run.

"It's very early on, but so far so good, and we feel good on stage."

Nightlife Listings

Music, Comedy & Parties

• **COMEDY HYPNOSIS** at the Gas Light Company (64 Market St., Portsmouth) Fri., April 19, at 7 p.m. Ellen Moschetto combines stand up and hypnosis and makes audience members part of the show. Tickets are $25 in advance and $30 on the day of the show. Visit drinkwaterproductions.com.

• **CLARA KENNEDY** will perform at the Milford Town Hall Auditorium (1 Union Square, Milford) Sat., April 20, at 7:30 p.m. Kennedy performs in English, Spanish and French. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for students and seniors. Visit milfordrec.com.

• **JOYCE ANDERSEN** will perform at the Nottingham Community Church (106 Church St., Nottingham) Sat., April 20, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 in advance or $20 at the door. Call 207-351-1985 or email RevBenFowler@gmail.com.

• **THE JUST-IN-TIME SINGERS** will perform at the Dunbarton Congregational Church (6 Stark Highway North, Dunbarton) Sun., April 21, at 4 p.m. The singers will cover songs by the Beach Boys, Simon & Garfunkel and more. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for children younger than 12 and a $25 family maximum.

• **RALPHIE MAY** will perform at NHTI (31 College Drive, Concord) Fri., April 26, at 7:30 p.m. The show is part of NHTI's Spring Show. Drew Lynch will open. Tickets cost $20 and are $10 for students and alumni. Call 230-4045 or visit nhtiquery.nhti.edu/studentlife.

• **TALL GRANITE JAZZ BAND** will perform at the Henniker Congregational Church (5 Maple St., Henniker) Sun., April 28, at 2 p.m. Suggested donation of $5 per person or $15 per family. Call 428-7685 or visit tallgranitejazzband.info.

• **AKSARA** will perform at the Bedford Public Library (3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford) Sun., May 5, at 2:30

So you want an Evolution?

Nashua nightclub reopens with new name and purpose

By Michael Witthaus
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When it changed hands in early March, many names were considered for the nightclub then known as The Junkyard. The three-word moniker chosen — Evolution Entertainment Complex — reflects a shared vision for the room, which opened April 12.

"It's going from a simple form to a more complex one," said Bernie Goulet, a new owner along with Steve Santoro and Jason Chingros.

It will continue as a dance club and sports bar, with Top 40 DJs on the weekend and UFC pay-per-view events. But Evolution's true focus is live music. Nine shows were booked before opening night — everything from hard rock to EDM, even '80s hair metal heroes Skid Row. Goulet, who's also the region's third largest concert promoter, counted on luring bands that usually play Boston and Providence but skip New Hampshire.

The number of shows booked in such a short time even surprised Goulet a bit.

"It just shows how much this is needed," he said. "I'm already into October with booking."

Evolution underwent a major facelift to become a concert venue, with a capacity of 500. Arena-class lighting is newly installed, along with an expandable stage — the region's largest — which doubles as a raised dance floor on non-show nights. Sound upgrades include three massive subwoofers positioned at the front of the stage, and a full complement of in-house cabinets provided by Audio East.

An upstairs VIP loft offers a private bar, plush couches and premium sightlines. Though edgy, youthful acts are presently scheduled, Goulet hopes to book country, pop and comedy perfomers. To support these plans, the main floor can be reconfigured with tabletops for cabaret events.

The DJ booth, once in the center of the room, is moved to a perch near the stairs at the back of the club; it doubles as a mixing space for performers.

"This is the type of production artists are looking for," said Goulet. "One of our biggest goals was to bring in the sound, lights, and staging that national touring acts need and demand."

It's a far cry from Goulet's first foray into the nightclub business, the Backstage Bar & Grill in downtown Nashua, "a small place that ended up being just as much work as something bigger," he said. "It could only hold 100 people for events. We did a lot of acoustic stuff … it wasn't enough."



Evolution Entertainment Complex

Evolution Entertainment Complex

Where: 522 Amherst St. in Nashua
Contact: 978-884-9536
Upcoming shows (available through Ticketmaster):
Wednesday, April 17 - Smile Empty Soul
Monday, April 29 - Fear Factory
Friday, May 3 - Louie DeVito
Wednesday, May 8 - Jackyl
Friday, May 10 - Clinton Sparks
Sunday, May 12 - Saving Abel
Sunday, June 2 - Saliva
Sunday, Aug. 11 - Skid Row
Sunday, Sept. 1 - Firehouse

When the former Amber Room reopened as Arena, Goulet joined up.

"But I was not able to do all the events I wanted — this is a true venue that I can book seven days a week," he said. "I left on good terms. Arena is beautiful … it's the area's best sports bar. But that's not what we'll be."

More to the point, Evolution Entertainment Complex will be a hybrid of many things, with a layout to match. A secluded bar in the back can act as a standalone facility on slow nights, but when a big show happens, Evolution is three clubs in one — and a restaurant.

"This is an entertainment complex that New Hampshire has never seen," said Goulet, a Massachusetts native who now calls the Granite State home. "What's been lacking is a true music venue to bring in country, rock, and pop acts as well as national DJs on any given night."

Shows considered too small for the Casino Ballroom in Hampton but too big for a corner bar are a sweet spot for the transformed room.

"Up to now, this has been just another club," said Goulet. "But you'll see license plates from all over in the parking lot. Evolution will be a destination."







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The power of two

Rock duo rolls into Manchester

By Cory Francer
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Rich Libutti and Melanie Krahmer of Sirsy. Courtesy photo.

When rock duo Sirsy went into the studio to record its latest album, band mates Melanie Krahmer and Rich Libutti weren't concerned with cutting 10 perfect tracks.

Instead, the band members said they wanted to capture moments. Since forming in 2000, Sirsy had made a name for itself with its live performances and the intense energy the pair brought to the stage. While it was easy to conjure up that energy playing to a packed house, Libutti said the band couldn't quite figure out how to transfer it onto its previous albums.

With *Coming Into Frame*, however, the band was set free. They didn't stress about playing each song note for note or whether their tempo varied a little bit. In fact, Krahmer said they didn't even bother with a metronome or click track. If they felt the song should speed up, they sped it up.

"That was cool for us and really freeing," she said. "That's what creates the intensity of the songs. We were not trying to make the takes perfect and were not recording things over and over. We recorded each song just a handful of times to have more raw energy."

Because of the power behind Sirsy's sound, Libutti said, first-time audience members are often shocked that the band has just two members. To create a full rock n' roll experience as a duo, the band has to channel its energy into some serious multitasking.

Krahmer's voice leads the charge. She said her booming vocals require her to sing from her diaphragm, so she spends the full performance standing up as she also plays the drums and mixes in the occasional flute solo. Libutti fills out Sirsy's melody with his punchy guitar-playing.

Because the band does not have a bass player but each song has a bass line, Libutti said, audience members occasionally assume the bass notes are just a pre-recorded track. But the band is playing that part of the song too. Libutti plays his bass parts with his feet on a keyboard laid out on the stage. Krahmer also plays her share of the low notes with a sampler kit attached to her drum set.

"Sometimes we get comments from people who have never seen us that when they first came into the room, the band sounded like four or five people," Libutti said. "We get asked if it's hard to get the bass or keys in, but it's never a burden. It's a fun way to present our music."

While performing as a duo means more responsibilities on stage, Libutti and Krahmer say this format is what they prefer. When they first started playing together in their native Albany, N.Y., they tried playing in bands with multiple guitarists and a separate drummer, but it just never seemed to work.

Larger bands can be unpredictable, and with a duo, Libutti said he always knows his bandmate is going to show up to concerts and take a professional approach. He said it also helps in the songwriting process. Since they develop each song together, there's no need to teach it to any other band members.

Despite the high-octane nature of the show, Sirsy never gets tired of taking the stage. Krahmer said they play between 200 and 250 shows per year.

"People will start telling their friends and get more people to come," Krahmer said. "It's nice to see that develop from the ground up."

Sirsy

When: Friday, April 19, at 9:30 p.m.
Where: The Shaskeen, 909 Elm St., Manchester
Cost: No cover charge
Contact: Call 625-0246 or visit shaskeennpub.com. Visit Sirsy's website at sirsy.com.

p.m. Aksara is a six-piece all female a-cappella ensemble. Call 472-2300.

• **BEATLEMANIA** will perform at Manchester High School Central (207 Lowell St., Manchester) Fri., May 10, at 7:30 p.m. Beatles tribute band will feature Central students on select songs. Tickets range from $20-$30 and are available at Shaw's markets or at purplepass.com. Call 800-316-8559.

• **GRANITE STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL** at the Kiwanis Waterfront Park (15 Loudon Road, Concord) Sat., June 22 and Sun., June 23. Visit granitestate-

RALPHIE MAY GOES TO COLLEGE



Stand-up comic Ralphie May has filmed multiple Comedy Central specials and has been a staple on late-night shows since bursting onto the scene in 2008. The comic will add the NHTI Spring Show to his list of venues where he's headlined when he visits the college (31 College Drive, Concord) Friday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. Drew Lynch will open. Tickets are $20 ($10 for students and alumni). Call 230-4045 or visit nhtiquery.nhti.edu/studentlife.

musicfest.org.

• **ORIGINAL MUSIC VENUE** at Riverwalk Cafe & Coffee House (35 Railroad Square, Nashua) every Friday, 7:30-10 p.m. Open mike featuring local performers playing strictly original music. Call 578-0200 or visit riverwalkroasters.com.

• **TIME TO LAUGH** at the Purple Pit Jazz Club (3 Pleasant St., Ext., Concord) Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. The comedy series will feature a rotating lineup of New England comics. Tickets are $15. Call 832-8876 or visit thepurplepit.com.

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• **SUNDAY NIGHT BALLROOM** dance parties are held weekly at Queen City Ballroom Dance Studio, 21 Dow St., Manchester, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets cost $9; admission is free for first-timers. Singles and couples are welcome. Call 622-1500 or visit queencityballroomnh.com.

• **OPEN MIKE** at True Brew Barista (3 Bicentennial Square, Concord) Thursdays, at 7:30 p.m. No cover charge. Call 225-2776 or visit truebrewbarista.com.

• **OPEN MIKE** at Chester Public Library (3 Chester St., Chester) Mon., April 22, at 6:30 p.m. Read a poem, sing a song or perform a skit. Call 887-3404.

• **POETS JAM** will be held at The Jam Factory at Raxx Billiards, 1211 Elm St., Manchester, on Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The jam is 18-plus.

• **SINGLES DANCE** held every Friday at 8 p.m. with DJ JoAnn at Daniels Hall, Route 4, Nottingham. Admission is $12 and includes free light buffet and drinks, casual dress. Call 942-8525 or see www.singlesdanceparties.com.

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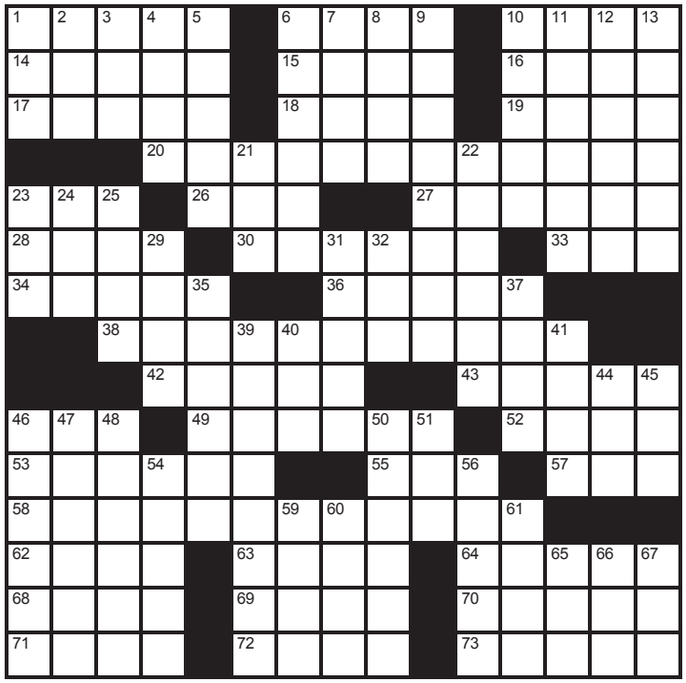
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1. Jack Johnson "__ clowns pick me up when I'm down"
6. Queen 'Radio __' (2,2)
10. Botch the solo
14. Rainbow song inspired by 'Little Mermaid'?
15. Mindless Self Indulgence song about going after something? (2,2)
16. Smashing Pumpkins '__ In A While'
17. Hit songwriter gets them offered
18. John Mellencamp 'Key __ Intermezzo (I Saw You First)'
19. Want the headlining one in lineup
20. Ingram/Ronstadt '__ __ There' (9,3)
23. New Kids On The Block 'Put It On The __'
26. Jazz musician Olu Dara's rapper son
27. Venom song for flexing?
28. Primal Scream 'Movin' __ __' (2,2)
30. Need tons to mail out press kits
33. Mutemath '__ Soul'
34. Imposters __ Vanilli
36. Fly out of reunion outfits, perhaps
38. Dylan "__ they drink my wine, plowmen dig my earth"
42. Nick of Pink Floyd
43. Like huge stars
46. Stones 'She __ Hot'
49. Queens Of The Stone Age '___ Sister'
52. Bass player that hates dog collars?
53. 'Britney Spears 'Oops!..__ Again' (1,3,2)
55. Tex-Mexan Joe
57. What you did on lawn "seats"
58. 'The Joshua Tree' producer w/Eno (6,6)
62. A Tribe Called Quest 'Ham 'N' __'
63. Corb Lund 'The __ Back In Town'
64. '00 Everlast album '__ __ Whitey's' (3,2)
68. 'Freak Me' R&Bers
69. CSN&Y "You place the flowers in the __ that you bought today"
70. Dokken guitarist George
71. They might tap
72. Tortoise song about the Greeks' cupid?
73. "Little __ about Jack & Diane"



Down

1. 80s skater movie 'Send Me An Angel' was in
2. Northwestern Dandy Warhols home state, for short
3. Meg's sister sidekick
4. Mark Oliver Everett's band
5. Mark of The Jayhawks
6. 'King Of Wishful Thinking' band (2,4)
7. Rush "He's __ __ world man" (1,3)
8. Smashing Pumpkins '91 album
9. Cracks, at making it
10. Smithereens 'Blood And __'
11. '03 Ozzfest 'Failure' band
12. Phish "If __ __, I would" (1,5)
13. Profited, after recording expenses
21. '99 Sammy Hagar hit '__ Tequila'
22. Taylor Dayne 'Don't __ __' (4,2)
23. Springsteen 'Ghost Of __ Joad'
24. 'Little Plastic Castle' DiFranco
25. Less Than Jake 'The Brightest __ Has Burned Out'
29. 'Live Through This (Fifteen Stories)' Mighty Joe __
31. Pearl Jam bassman Jeff
32. Rapper __ Def
35. 'This ____' The Cure (2,1,3)
37. Katy Perry '__ Inflicted'
39. Pink song about intense courtship? (2,2,4)
40. '__ Sleeping Around' Ned's Atomic Dustbin
41. Astral Doors singer Patrik Johansson
44. What Mama Kin smoked
45. '03 Limp Bizkit song '__ You Alive'
46. Like smile during biggest fan's jam
47. Musically slow
48. Song release
50. Vital camera parts for concert photos
51. Jeff Lynne 'Discovery' band
54. Compact __
56. Pearl Jam's 'Given To Fly' album
59. What Rollins Band was, on '94 hit
60. The French Kicks '__ Ran'
61. Creed 'Human Clay' song (3,1)
65. AC/DC-influenced Norwegian rockers?
66. Musical Whoopie Goldberg movie 'Sister __'
67. Manowar 'The Power Of __ Sword'

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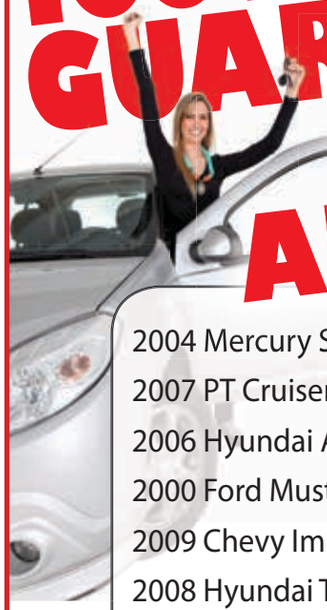
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73 Ocean Blvd, 926-5050
Old Salt
409 Lafayette Road, 926-8322
Sea Shell Stage
on Ocean Blvd.
Ron's Landing
379 Ocean Blvd, 929-2122,
Wally's Pub
144 Ashworth Ave., 926-6954
Whales Tales
169 Ocean Blvd, 967-4771

Henniker
Daniel's
Main Street, 428-7621
Pats Peak Sled Pub
24 Flanders Road, 888-728-7732
The Henniker Junction
24 Weare Road, 428-8511

Hillsborough
American Legion Post 59
538 W. Main St.

Hollis
Alpine Grove
19 S. Depot Rd., 882-9051

Hooksett
Asian Breeze
1328 Hooksett Road, 621-9298
New England's Taphouse Grille
1292 Hooksett Rd., 782-5137

Hopkinton
Beech Hill Farm
107 Beech Hill Road

Hudson
AJ's Sports Bar & Grill
11 Tracy Lane,718-1102
JD Chaser's
2B Burnham Road, 886-0792
Nan King Restaurant & Lounge
222 Central St., 882-1911

Kingston
Bucco's Tavern
143 Main St., 642-4999
The Kingston
1686 House Tavern
127 Main St., 642-3637

Laconia
Anthony's Pier Restaurant
263 Lakeside Ave., 366-5855
Baja Beach Club @ China Bistro
89 Lake St., 524-0008
Broken Spoke Saloon
1072 Watson Road, 366-5511
Cactus Jack's
1182 Union Ave., 528-7800
The Crazy Gringo
306 Lakeside Ave., 366-4411
Fratello's
799 Union Ave., 528-2022
Margate Resort
76 Lake St., 524-5210
Naswa Resort
1086 Weirs Blvd., 366-4341
Paradise Beach Club
322 Lakeside Ave., 366-2665
Patio Garden Restaurant
Lakeside Ave.
Pitman's Freight Room
94 New Salem St., 527-0043
Tower Hill Tavern
264 Lakeside Ave., 366-9100
Weirs Beach Lobster Pound
72 Endicott St., 366-2255
Weirs Beach Smokehouse
Rt 3 Laconia, 366-2400

Londonderry
Coach Stop Restaurant and Tavern
176 Mammoth Road, 437-2022
Mayflower Grange
535 Mammoth Road, 867-3077
Stumble Inn Bar & Grill
20 Rockingham Road
Whippersnappers
44 Nashua Road, 434-2660

Loudon
Graverobbers Coffeehouse
Loudon Congregational Church, 7018 Church St., 783-9478

Manchester
900 Degrees
50 Dow St., 641-0900
American Legion Wm H Jutras & Post No 43
56 Boutwell St., 623-9467
American Legion Post #79
35 W. Brook St.
American Legion Sweeney Post
251 Maple St., 623-9145
Boynton's Taproom
155 Dow St., 623-7778
Breezeway Pub
14 Pearl St., 621-9111
British Beer Company
1071 S. Willow St., 232-0677
City Sports Grille
216 Maple St., 625-9656
Club 313
93 S. Maple St., 628-6813
Club Realm
19 Amherst St., 935-7659
Derryfield Country Club
625 Mammoth Road, 623-2880
Don Quijote
333 Valley St., 792-1110
Drynk
20 Old Granite St., 836-5251
Element Lounge
1055 Elm St., 627-2922
Farm Bar & Grille
1181 Elm St., 641-3276
Fratello's
155 Dow St., 624-2022
Gaucho's Churrascaria
62 Lowell St., 669-9460
Hanover St. Chophouse
149 Hanover St., 644-2467
Ignite Bar & Grille
100 Hanover St., 494-6225
Jam Factory
1211 Elm St., 203-1458
Jillian's Billiard Club
50 Philippe Cote Drive, 626-7636
Jokers
1279 S. Willow St., 935-9947
Lafayette Club
387 Canal St., 623-9323
Lazy Nick's Coffee House
362 Huse Road, 232-7187
Luigi's Pizza Bar & Grille 712 Valley St., 622-1021
Mad Bob's Saloon
342 Lincoln St., 669-3049
McGarvey's
1097 Elm St., 627-2721
Milly's Tavern
500 Commercial St., 625-4444
Murphy's Taproom
494 Elm St., 644-3535
My Friend's Bar and Grill
507 Maple St., 627-3444
NH Institute of Art
148 Concord St.
Olympic Lounge
506 Valley St., 644-5559
Penuche's
96 Hanover St., 626-9830
Piccola's Upstairs Lounge
815 Elm St.
Raxx Lounge
1195 Elm St.
Rocko's Bar & Grill
253 Wilson St., 626-5866
Salona Bar & Grill
128 Maple St., 624-4020
Sam Adams Bar & Grill
Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, 1 Line Drive., 641-2005
The Shaskeen
909 Elm St., 625-0246
Social 24
24 Depot St., 782-8489
Starbucks
1111 S. Willow St., 641-4839
Strange Brew Tavern
88 Market St., 666-4292
Theos
102 Elm St., 669-4678
Unwine'd
865 Second St., 625-9463
The Wild Rover
21 Kosciuszko St., 669-7722
Workmen's Club
183 Douglas St.
XO on Elm
827 Elm St., 206-5721
The Yard
1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545

Meredith
Camp
300 DW Highway, 279-3003
Giuseppe's Ristorante
312 DW Highway, 279-3313

Merrimack
The Homestead
641 DW Hwy., 429-2022
Jade Dragon
515 DW Highway, 424-2280

Milford
American Legion
15 Cottage St., 673-9804
Chapanga's
168 Elm St., 249-5214
Clark's Tavern
40 Nashua St., 769-3119
J's Tavern
63 Union Sq., 249-9222
The Pasta Loft

Thursday, April 18

Concord
Granite Restaurant & Bar: CJ Poole & The Sophisticated Approach

Dover
Brick House: Martin England
Fury's: Boom Lava

Epping
Holy Grail Food & Spirits: Dave Gerard

Gilford
Patrick's Pub: Mike Bourgeois

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Bruce Marshall

Hampstead
Pasta Loft: Mike Belkas

Hooksett
New England's Tap House Grille: Jimmy Mags

Laconia
Pitman's Freight Room: Brad Myrick Quintet

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Doug Thompson
Whippersnappers: Four Sticks

Manchester
Club 313: DJ Pez
Fratello's: Jazz Night
Jam Factory: Emma Ate the Lion, The Arcane Candy, Roosevelt
Jokers: Kim Riley
Milly's Tavern: Lakes Region Big Band
Shaskeen: Whitey
Strange Brew: TBA

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Jim Tyrrell

Merrimack
The Homestead: Corey Brackett

Milford
Pasta Loft: Rich Fauteux

Nashua
Fody's: Rob Benton

New London
Flying Goose: Jim Malcolm

Newmarket
Stone Church: Spiritual Rez

Portsmouth
Press Room: David Amram, Amorphous Trio
Ri Ra: Fil Pacino
Rudi's: Chris Klaxton & Guest
Thirsty Moose: Turbine

Friday, April 19

Boscawen
Alan's: Jeff's Duo

Concord
Loudon Road Restaurant & Pit Road Lounge: Code 3
Makris: The Mod Squad
Purple Pit: Joan Watson Jones, The Kid Jazz Band
Red Blazer: Mike Morris
True Brew Barista: Diamond Joe

Dover
Brick House: Kate Redgate, Kelly Ravin
Fury's: Somerville Symphony Orkestar
Kelley's Row: Fabulous Waterman

Epping
Holy Grail Food & Spirits: Sirateau

Exeter
Shooters Pub: DJ BiggZ & Curfew

Gilford
Patrick's Pub: Dustin Ladale

Hampstead
Route 111 Village Square Restaurant: Brandy

Hampton
Ron's Landing: Tim Theriault
Wally's Pub: Prospect Hill

Hooksett
New England's Tap House Grille: Charlie Christos

Kingston
Bucco's Tavern: George Belli & The Retroactivists

Laconia
Fratello's: Steve Sibulkin
Pitman's Freight Room: Rosemary's Baby Blues
Tower Hill Tavern: Blues Tonight Band

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Joe McDonald

241 Union Sq., 672-2270
Tiebreakers at Hampshire Hills
50 Emerson Road, 673-7123

Nashua
Arena Sportsbar & Nightclub
53 High St., 881-9060
Backstage Bar and Grill
56 Canal St., 598-8256
Boston Billiard Club
55 Northeastern Blvd., 595-2121
Country Tavern
452 Amherst St., 889-5871
Evolution Entertainment Complex
522 Amherst St., 978-884-9536
Fat Daddy's Cafe
650 Amherst St.
Fody's Tavern
9 Clinton St., 577-9015
Haluwa Lounge
Nashua Mall, 883-6662
Killarney's Irish Pub
Holiday Inn, 888-1551
Lafayette Club
34 High St, 889-9860
Martha's Exchange
185 Main St., 883-8781
McKenzie's Restaurant and Bar
96 Main St., 577-1151
Michael Timothy's
212 Main St., 595-9334
Nashua Community Music School
5 Pine St., Ext., 881-7030
Nashua Garden
121 Main St., 886-7363
Old Amsterdam Bar
8 Temple St., 204-5501
The Peddler's Daughter
48 Main St., 880-8686
Penuche's Ale House
4 Canal St., 595-9831
Pine Street Eatery
136 Pine St., 886-3501
The Polish American Club
15 School St., 889-9819
Riverwalk Coffee Roasters
35 Railroad Sq., 578-0200
Simple Gifts Coffee House
58 Lowell St.
603 Lounge
14 W. Hollis St., 821-5260
Slade's Food & Spirits
4 W. Hollis St., 886-1334
Stella Blu
70 E. Pearl St., 578-5557
Unums
47 E. Pearl St., 821-6500
Villa Banca
194 Main St., 598-0500
Wicked Twisted Bar & Grill
38 E. Hollis St., 577-1718, wickedtwistedbarandgrill.com

New Boston
Molly's Tavern
35 Mont Vernon Road, 487-2011

New London
Flying Goose Brew Pub & Grille
40 Andover Road, 526-6899

Newmarket
Lamprey River Tavern
110 Main St., 659-3696
KJ's Sports Bar
N. Main St., 659-2329
Stone Church
5 Granite St., 650-7700

Newton
Hen House Sports Bar & Grill
85 S. Main St., 382-1705

Pelham
Shooters
116 Bridge St., 635-3577

Peterborough
Harlow's Pub
3 School St., 924-6365
Peterborough Players Theater
Hadley Road

Plaistow
2 Sisters Bar & Lounge
20 Plaistow Rd., 974-2406
Corner Pocket
181 Plaistow Rd., 382-3130
Dugout Grille
93 Main St., 819-4947
The Sad Café
148 Plaistow Rd., 382-8893

Portsmouth
American Legion Post 6
96 Islington St.
Blue Mermaid Island Grill hill at Hanover and High streets, 427-2583
Daniel Street Tavern
111 Daniel St.
Dolphin Striker
15 Bow St., 431-5222
Fat Belly's
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64 Market St., 431-9122
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3131 Lafayette Road, 436-9755
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104 Congress St., 433-3100
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27 International Drive, 430-9450
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45 Pearl St., 431-0148
Press Room
77 Daniel St.,431-5186
The Red Door
107 State St., 373-6827
Red Hook Brewery
35 Corporate Drive, 430-8600
Ri Ra Irish Pub
22 Market Sq., 319-1680
Rudi's
20 High St., 430-7834
Rusty Hammer
49 Pleasant St., 436-9289
Thirsty Moose Tap House
21 Congress St., 427-8645
The Wet Bar
172 Hanover St.

Raymond
Famous Legends Bar & Grill at Strikers East
4 Essex Drive
Freetown Yankee Market 58 Route 27, 895-3418

Salem
Black Water Grill
43 Pelham Road, 328-9013
Jocelyn's Lounge
355 S. Broadway, 870-0045
Murray's Tavern
326 S. Broadway, 894-9100
Sayde's Restaurant
136 Cluff Crossing Road, 890-1032
The Varsity Club
67 Main St., 898-4344

Seabrook
American Legion Post 70
169 Walton Road
Chop Shop Pub
920 Lafayette Road, 474-6001
Honey Pot Bar & Lounge
920 Lafayette Road, 760-2013
Master McGrath's
Route 107, 474-6540
Prime Time Sports Grill
620 Lafayette Road, 760-7230

Sunapee
One Mile West Tavern
6 Brook Road, 863-7500
Sunapee Coffee House
Methodist Church, Route 11

Wilton
Pine Hill Auditorium
Pine Hill Waldorf School, 77 Pine Hill Drive

Windham
Jonathon's Lounge
Park Place Lanes, Route 28, 800-892-0568

Whippersnappers: Spiral Circus

Manchester
British Beer Company: Fenster
City Sports Grille: Switchback
Club 313: DJ Bob
Derryfield: Last Laugh
Fratello's: Marc Apostolides
Jokers: Sandy Casey
Murphy's Taproom: Conniption Fits
Penuche's: Dispatchers in the Woodshed
Raxx Lounge: DJ Mike
Shaskeen: Sirsy
Strange Brew: Yamica's Groove

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Michael Bourgeouis, DJ "AK Fresh"

Merrimack
The Homestead: Paul Luff

Milford
Clark's Tavern: Adam Payne
J's Tavern: Kim Riley
Pasta Loft: Groove Authority

Nashua
Fody's: Groove Thang
Killarney's: Kieran McNally
Old Amsterdam: Brian House
Stella Blu: Groove Cats

Newmarket
Stone Church: Roots of Creation

Peterborough
Harlow's Pub: Murphys Blues

Plaistow
2 Sisters: Rob Benton
Sad Cafe: Death by Bill, Pruf, Father & Son, Lost Thoughts, Obsydian

Portsmouth
Blue Mermaid: One and Dunne
Gas Light Co.: Corey Brackett, DJ Koko P, Keith Henderson, Kevin Burt
Press Room: Crunchy Western Boys
Red Door: Soundsyster
Ri Ra: Hott Commodity
Rudi's: Dmitri & The Wolfe
Thirsty Moose: Jamsterdam

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Double Shot

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NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

Honey Pot: Spoon Digga

Saturday, April 20

Boscawen
Alan's: Bend the Ride

Concord
Loudon Road Restaurant & Pit Road Lounge: Throwdown
Purple Pit: Brian James & Brickyard Blues
Red Blazer: Dusty Gray Band
True Brew Barista: Boogie on Alice

Dover
Brick House: Pig Farmer, Wave Decay
Fury's: Strange Machine
Kelley's Row: Bad Baby

Dunbarton
Spireside Coffee House: Steve Redic

Epsom
Circle 9 Ranch: Cricket Creek Band

Epping
Holy Grail Food & Spirits: Wooden Nickels

Exeter
Shooters Pub: Wicked Garden

Gilford
Patrick's Pub: Paul Warnick

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Problem Child

Hampstead
Pasta Loft: Side Car
Route 111 Village Square Restaurant: Leavin Eden

Hampton
Wally's Pub: The Brew

Laconia
Pitman's Freight Room: Tony Sarno's TS Review Band

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Tim Gurshin

Whippersnappers: Souled Out Show Band

Manchester
Boynton's Taproom: Dueling Pianos
British Beer Company: Eastwood Peak
City Sports Grille: Head Shop
Club 313: DJ Bob
Derryfield: Last Kid Picked
Fratello's: Marc Apostolides
Jam Factory: Long Past Due, Purging Sin New England, Messages of Ennui, Cody Care
Jokers: Corey Brackett
Milly's Tavern: Twilight Gypsy, Jesse & The Hogg Brothers, The Miner Band
Murphy's Taproom: Mama Kicks
Raxx Lounge: DJ Mike
Shaskeen: Destroy Babylon
Strange Brew: Ricky "King" Russell
The Yard: Dan Morgan

NITE CONCERTS

Capitol Center for the Performing Arts 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com
The Colonial Theatre 95 Main St., Keene, 352-2033, thecolonial.org
Dana Humanities Center at Saint Anselm College 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 641-7700, anselm.edu/dana
The Flying Monkey 39 S. Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com
Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom 169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach, 929-4100, casinoballroom.com
Leddy Center 38c Ladd's Lane, Epping, 679-2781, leddycenter.org
Lowell Boarding House Park 40 French St., Lowell, Mass., www.lowellsummermusic.org
Lowell Memorial Auditorium East Merrimack Street, Lowell, Mass., 978-454-2299, lowellauditorium.com
Meadowbrook U.S. Cellular Pavilion 72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, 293-4700, meadowbrook.net
The Middle Arts & Entertainment Center 316 Central St., Franklin, 934-1901, themiddlenh.org
The Music Hall 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusichall.org
The Old Meeting House, 1 New Boston Road, Francestown
Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org
Prescott Park Arts Festival 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, www.prescottpark.org, 436-2848
Rochester Opera House 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, 335-1992, rochesteroperahouse.com
Stockbridge Theatre Pinkerton Academy, Route 28, Derry, 437-5210, stockbridgetheatre.com
Tupelo Music Hall 2 Young Road, Londonderry, 437-5100, tupelohall.com
Verizon Wireless Arena 555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-5000, www.verizonwirelessarena.com
Whittemore Center Arena, UNH 128 Main St., Durham, 862-4000, www.whittcenter.com

- **Ana Popovic** Thurs., April 18, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Hugh Masekela** Thurs., April 18, at 7:30 p.m., Cap Center
- **Air Supply** Fri., April 19, at 7:30 p.m., Palace
- **Bruce Hornsby** Fri., April 19, at 8 p.m., Cap Center
- **Renaissance** Fri., April 19, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Sevendust & Coal Chamber** Fri., April 19, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Steel Panther** Sat., April 20, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Paul D'Angelo** Sat., April 20, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Tupelo
- **Grace Kelly** Sun., April 21, at 7 p.m., Tupelo
- **Kris Allen** Thurs., April 25, at 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- **Laurence Juber** Thurs., April 25, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo** Thurs., April 25, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Chad Perrone** Fri., April 26, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Nine Days** Sat., April 27, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Sara Evans** Sat., April 27, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Rockapella** Fri., May 3, at 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- **Duke Robillard Band** Fri., May 3, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Phil Vassar** Sat., May 4, at 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- **Carl Palmer and his Band** Sat., May 4, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Cheryl Wheeler** Sun., May 5, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Barry Manilow** Thurs., May 9, at 7:30 p.m., Verizon Wireless Arena
- **Nitty Gritty Dirt Band** Fri., May 10, at 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- **Duke Robillard** Fri., May 10, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Johnny Winter** Sat., May 11, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Scotty McCreery** Sat., May 11, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Matt Wertz** Wed., May 15, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Karla Bonoff** Thurs., May 16, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Keystone Revisited** Fri., May 17, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Delbert McClinton** Fri., May 17, at 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- **Motley Crue** Fri., May 17, at 8 p.m., Meadowbrook
- **ZZ Top** Fri., May 17, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Gina Sicilia** Sat., May 18, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Mickey Hart Band** Sat., May 18, at 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- **The Blind Boys of Alabama** Tues., May 21, 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Roomful of Blues** Fri., May 24, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **James Cotton** Sat., May 25, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Dark Star Orchestra** Wed., May 29, at 7:30 p.m., Colonial Theatre
- **Buckcherry** Fri., May 31, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Putnam Pirrozzoli Guitar Duo, DJ Frankie

Merrimack
The Homestead: Lachlan MacLearn
Jade Dragon: The Slakas

Milford
Clark's Tavern: Triana
J's Tavern: Tammy Lynn and Myles High
Pasta Loft: Boys of Rockingham

Nashua
Fody's: One Fine Mess
Killarney's: Kieran McNally
Old Amsterdam: Posey, Voyagers
Stella Blu: Joe McDonald

Newmarket
Stone Church: Rustic Overtones

Peterborough
Harlow's Pub: Hug the Dog

Plaistow
2 Sisters: Michael Bernier
Sad Cafe: Sparx, Yard Sale, Merging with Silence

Portsmouth
Blue Mermaid: Todo Bien
Gas Light Co.: Will Metivier, DJ Koko P, Dustin Ladale, Tony Santesse
Press Room: Truffle
Red Door: Ryan Obermiller
Ri Ra: Bling Cherry
Rudi's: Rob Gerry with Kelly Muse
Thirsty Moose: Shutdown Brown

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Funnel, Mindset X
Honey Pot: Dis-N-Dat Band

Sunapee
One Mile West: Chris Fitz Band

Sunday, April 21

Dover
Brick House: Jim Dozet Trio, DJ Erich Kruger

Hampton
Ron's Landing: The Read/Allan Duo
Wally's Pub: Rob Benton

Londonderry
Whippersnappers: Dave Clark

Manchester
British Beer Company: Bruce Marshall Trio

Portsmouth
Press Room: Harry Allen with Ryan Parker, Marty Ballou and Les Harris Jr.
Red Door: Green Lion Crew
Rudi's: Sharon Jones
Thirsty Moose: Scott Kirby

Monday, April 22

Londonderry
Whippersnappers: LGMEPIJN, Josh Logan

Manchester
Fratello's: Rob Wolfe

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Lou Porrazzo

Merrimack
The Homestead: Charlie Christos

Nashua
Old Amsterdam: This Class is Haunted

Newmarket
Stone Church: Juke Joint Stone Revival

Portsmouth
Press Room: Nick Goumas
Red Door: The Dupont Brothers, Dan Blakeslee

Tuesday, April 23

Dover
Fury's: Tim Theriault and Friends

Londonderry
Whippersnappers: VJ Mark

Manchester
Fratello's: Kim Riley
Milly's Tavern: Manchuka
Raxx Lounge: DJ Mike
Shaskeen: Tristan Omand
Strange Brew: Strange Brew All-Stars

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Michael Bourgeois

Merrimack
The Homestead: Paul Luff

Portsmouth
Press Room: Larry Garland Jazz Jam

Wednesday, April 24

Dover
Fury's: Watkinsonics

Gilford
Patrick's Pub: Paul Luff

Manchester
Fratello's: Alli Beaudry
Milly's Tavern: Queen City Soul
Strange Brew: David Rousseau

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Paul Warnick

Merrimack
The Homestead: Brian Gray

Milford
Clark's Tavern: Lisa Guyer
J's Tavern: The Boogiemen

Nashua
Old Amsterdam: Max Sullivan

Portsmouth
Press Room: Dan Walker
Ri Ra: Josh Cramoy
Rudi's: Dmitri

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Saturday, April 20

Londonderry
Tupelo: Paul D'Angelo

Manchester
Headliners: Dave Rattigan

Friday, April 26

Plymouth
Flying Monkey: Paula Poundstone

Saturday, April 27

Concord
NHTI: Ralphie May, Drew Lynch

Manchester
Headliners: Mike Koutrobis

Friday, May 3

Londonderry
Tupelo: Jim Lauletta, Tom Hayes, Steve Kiley

Saturday, May 4

Manchester
Headliners: Brian Beaudoin

Thursday, May 9

Newmarket
Rockingham Ballroom: Jimmie JJ Walker

Friday, May 10

Newmarket
Rockingham Ballroom: Jimmie JJ Walker

Saturday, May 11

Manchester
Headliners: Jimmie JJ Walker

Portsmouth
Music Hall: Tom Cotter

Saturday, May 18

Manchester
Headliners: Tom Hayes

Saturday, May 25

Manchester
Headliners: Frank Santos

Saturday, June 8

Manchester
Headliners: Mike McCarthy

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SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *Notorious Nineteen*, by Janet Evanovich, born April 22, 1943.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *Big Blue is a '53 powder blue and white Buick that got deposited in my father's garage when my Great Uncle Sandor checked himself in to Happy Hills Nursing Home. It drives like a refrigerator on wheels, and it does nothing for my image.* Never mind your image this week. Stick to more substantive things.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *Grandma was at the front door when Lula eased the Firebird to a stop at the curb. I used to think Grandma had a telepathic way of knowing when I approached, but I now realize Grandma just stands at the door watching the cars roll by, like the street is a reality show.* Enjoy the reality right outside your front door.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *His appliances aren't new but they're newer than mine. His refrigerator is usually filled with food. His cereal doesn't have bugs in it. And he has a toaster. This all puts him light-years ahead of me in the domestic goddess race.* Wouldn't some toast and cereal be good right about now?

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *"If I had a Yeti hiding in my closet I'd take the cat and go someplace else too," Lula said.* If your closet is a comfortable place for Yetis to hang out in, maybe you should re-organize.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *I gave Rex fresh water and hamster food, added a chunk of carrot, and told him I loved him just in case he was feeling neglected.* Don't neglect your hamster.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *We hit the burger place first, and Lula pulled a wad of money out of her purse. "I want two of everything on your menu," she said to the girl behind the counter. "And hurry up because I have to put in my order at Dairy Queen and Dunkin' Donuts."* You'll need to rein in your impulses. How about just one doughnut?

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *My family doesn't spend a lot of unnecessary time on body functions. We eat and we leave to do other things. My father has television shows to watch. My mother and my grandmother have dishes to wash and the kitchen to set straight. I helped in the kitchen and by seven-thirty I was on my way.* It's OK to eat and run sometimes.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *"Just remember who got you into the building," Briggs said. "I want to be there when you get Cubbin. And I don't want to be left out of the television show either. Little people are sexy now. Have you seen* Game of Thrones*? We're hot."* Act now before your popularity wanes.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *"Why don't you have a car?" Lula asked. "I used to have one but it was a pain in the keester. This place is lousy with pigeons. They crap all over everything. I got better things to do than wash pigeon crap off my car."* Plan ahead, and you'll make better use of your time.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *I could pretty much tell from the living room that there wasn't a man in residence. No size 12 running shoes under the coffee table. No crushed beer cans or Doritos bags hanging out on end tables. The pillows on the couch were all plumped and lined up perfectly. And in the kitchen the dishes were inside the dishwasher and not left on the counter.* Fight stereotyping.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *Lula was fanning herself with a crumpled fast food bag she'd found on the floor in the back of my car, and the smell of stale French fries and ketchup wafted out at me.* How long has it been since you cleaned out your car? It's probably time.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *A guy wearing a crooked ball cap popped his head out of the sunroof on the Hummer, aimed a rocket launcher at the Escalade, and phoonf! the rocket went wide of the Escalade and blew up my car. ... "Yeah, but you gotta look on the positive side," Lula said. "You don't have to worry about charging up the battery."* Look on the positive side.

NITE SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. *Last week's puzzle answers are below*

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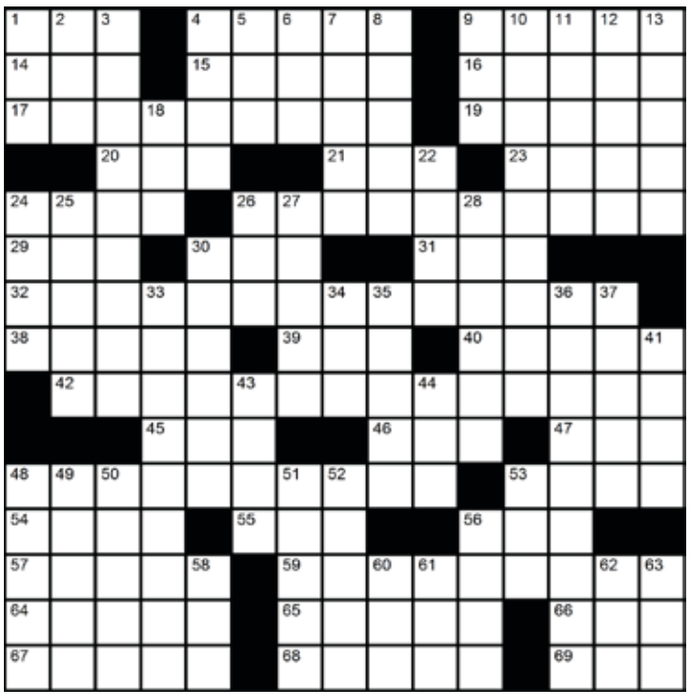
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"Line Interference" — movie quotes you've never heard

Across

1 Open ___ Night
4 Rice side
9 Make fit
14 Smoker's leavings
15 Counting everything
16 Electrical inventor Nikola
17 Line from 1989's "Dead Pesto Society" about grabbing ten cents?
19 Get darker outside
20 "Absolutely"
21 Total jerk
23 Pain in the neck
24 In ___ (at heart)
26 With 32-across, line from 1983's "Carsface" about an early GPS system?
29 Detoxifying site
30 River biter
31 Very, to Valdez
32 See 26-across
38 "Love Story" author Segal
39 One URL ending
40 Impede, as with "the works"
42 Line from 1999's "The Sixth Essen" about visiting Miami?
45 Biochemistry abbr.
46 Diploma alternative
47 ___ Avivan
48 With 59-across, line from 1950's "Unsets Blvd." about a new marriage counselor?
53 David ___ Pierce
54 Naive utterances
55 "___ Gang"
56 ___ Dark Materials (Philip Pullman trilogy)
57 Garden gate fastener
59 See 48-across
64 How actors can cry
65 Olympics prize
66 Eggs
67 Fill-in-the-blank survey option
68 California town that used to have a palindromic bakery
69 Animator Avery



Down

1 It's not PC?
2 "Love ___ Battlefield" (Pat Benatar)
3 Pre-butterfly creature
4 Slapstick ammo
5 Neither Dem. nor Rep.
6 China's Chou En-___
7 Lancome competitor
8 It may be peddled
9 Biggest city in Ga.
10 Two that are trouble
11 Houston player
12 Cloth fold
13 Dance like an Argentine
18 ___-wee Herman
22 Big rig
24 Mr. Hoggett's wife, in "Babe"
25 "Heidi" author Johanna
26 Fast plane, for short
27 Make ___ for mercy
28 Moved forward quickly
30 Goddess of wisdom
33 Arctic drama
34 Announcer Hall
35 Tierra del ___
36 Place to save game progress, on some cartridges
37 Had free reign of
41 Brazilian soccer legend
43 Woodworking groove
44 Apiece
48 Cold storage?
49 Signified
50 Dry heave
51 Delish
52 Fast food fixture
53 Style-conscious
56 Dance with a story
58 "Cover ___ Face" (P.D. James book)
60 B-F connectors
61 Mighty tree
62 The night before Christmas, say
63 Marching band instrument

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

Compelling explanations

In March, Washington state Rep. Ed Orcutt, apparently upset that bicyclists use the state's roads without paying the state gasoline tax for highway maintenance, proposed a 5-percent tax on bicycles that cost more than $500, pointing out that bicyclists impose environmental costs as well. Since carbon dioxide is a major greenhouse gas, he wrote one constituent (and reported in the Huffington Post in March), bike riders' "increased heart rate and respiration" over car drivers creates additional pollution. (Days later, he apologized for the suggestion that bicyclists actually were worse for the environment than cars.)

Ironies

A Boston Herald reporter said in March that he had been kicked out of a State Ethics Commission training session (which might not be unreasonable, as the meeting was for Massachusetts House members only). However, at least two people in attendance refused to give their real names to the reporter as they left. Rep. Tim Toomey insisted he was not a member (though he is) but was "just passing through," and Commission chairman Charles Swartwood III (a former federal judge magistrate) refused to give his name at all, telling the reporter, "I'm not saying because that's a private matter."

The litigious society

Aspiring rap music bigshot Bernard Bey, 32, filed a $200,000 lawsuit in February in New York City against his parents, alleging that they owe him because they have been unloving and "indifferent" to his homelessness and refuse even to take him back in to get a shower. Bey, who raps as "Brooklyn Streets," said everything would be forgiven if they would just buy him two Domino's Pizza franchises so that he could eventually earn enough to become "a force to be reckoned with in the hip-hop industry." (His mother's solution, as told to a New York Daily News reporter: "[G]o get a job. He's never had job a day in his life.")

Latest human rights

Police in Knoxville, Tenn., confiscated five venomous snakes during a February traffic stop, and Pastor Jamie Coots of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Jesus Name (of Middlesboro, Ky.) is demanding them back. Coots said he possesses them openly during his services in Kentucky, but Knoxville police said they are illegal to own in Tennessee. Said Coots, "If I don't have them, then I'm not obeying the word of God."

Fine Points of the Law

U.S. companies large and small legally deduct the expenses of doing business from their gross profits before paying income tax, but purveyors of marijuana (in states where possession is legal and where prescription marijuana is dispensed) cannot deduct those expenses and thus wind up paying a much higher federal income tax than other businesses. As NPR reported in April, "Section 280E" of the tax code (enacted in 1982 to trap illegal drug traffickers into tax violations) has not been changed to reflect state legalizations. The effect, experts told NPR, is that legal dispensaries in essence wind up paying tax on their gross receipts while all other legal businesses are taxed only on their net receipts. (The federal government, of course, continues to regard marijuana as illegal.)

Life imitates art

Ferris Bueller caused lots of mischief on his cinematic "Day Off" in the 1986 movie starring Matthew Broderick, but he never mooned a wedding party from an adjacent hotel window by pressing his nude buttocks, and then his genitals, against the glass in full view of astonished guests. In March, though, a young Matthew Broderick-lookalike, Samuel Dengel, 20, was arrested in Charleston, S.C., and charged with the crime. (Another Bueller-like touch was Dengel's tattoo reading, in Latin, "By the Power of Truth, I, while living, have Conquered the Universe.")

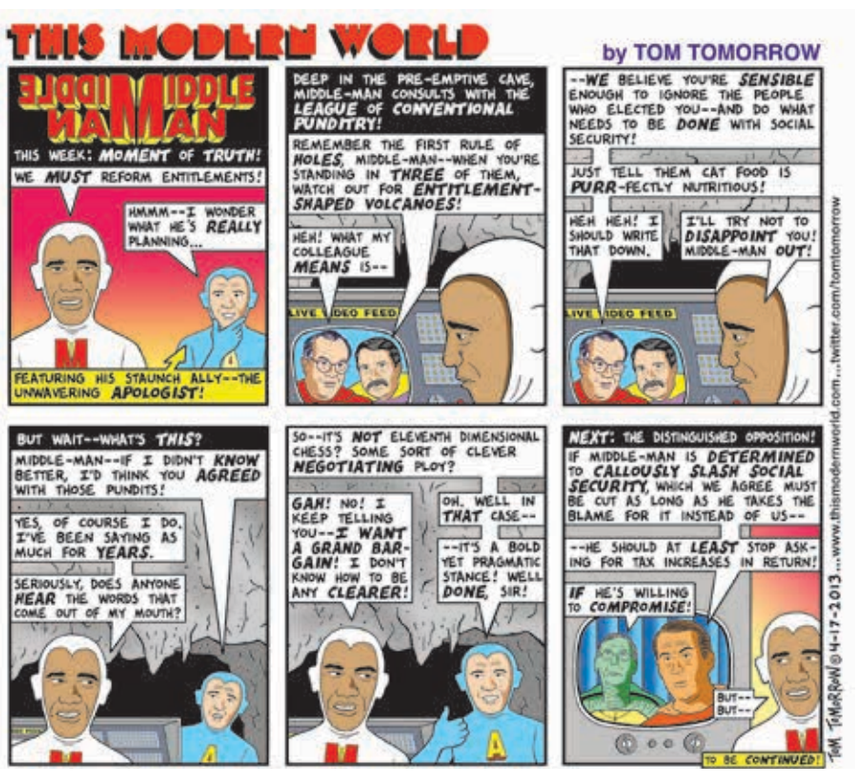
Perspective

Transportation Security Administration rules protect passengers against previously employed terrorist strategies, such as shoe bombs, but as Congressional testimony has noted over the past several years, the perimeter security at airports is shockingly weak. "For all the money and attention that in-airport screening gets," wrote Slate.com in February, "the back doors to airports are, comparatively, wide open — and people go through them all the time." Perimeter breaches in recent years astonished officials at major airports in Charlotte, N.C.; Philadelphia; Atlanta; and New York City (mentioned in News of the Weird last year, recounting how a dripping-wet jetskiier who broke down next to JFK airport climbed the perimeter fence and made his way past its brand-new "detection" system, and was inside the Delta terminal before he was finally noticed).

Readers' choice

In March, the makers of Lululemon black Luon yoga pants issued a recall, expressing concern that they had been made with an unacceptable level of sheerness. However, a company official initially told customers that "the only way you can actually test" for the too-sheer pants would be for a customer to bend over before a store associate. (The company changed the policy a few days later, and the product manager resigned.)

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